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Police: Give us more money

Lucy Littley
Reporter

SOMERSET'S police and crime commissioner and chief constable have written to the Home Secretary asking for a "realistic" investment in policing.

Following the terror attacks in London and Manchester over the past three months, the challenging context in which the police are operating has been thrown into sharp focus.

While Avon and Somerset Constabulary has been working more effectively and efficiently, recent events have seen the force operating at its limits of capability.

Since 2010 there has been a significant reduction in police funding.

The Avon and Somerset force was tasked to achieve £65 million of savings by March this year, and a further £20 million of savings will be required by 2021-22.

The force says it has worked tirelessly to preserve the frontline.

In the letter to Home Secretary Amber

Rudd, Somerset's police and crime commissioner Sue Mountstevens and chief constable Andy Marsh said: "The South West in general, and Avon and Somerset in particular, are relatively underfunded and have consequently been very limited in terms of local taxation for policing.

"As a result of this, there are 750 fewer police officers than in 2010 and, shockingly, 634 people to one police officer.

"This is a notable reduction and is significantly less policing per head than the national average.

"We know the role neighbourhood policing plays is vital in tackling terrorism through gathering intelligence and promoting solidarity and is the only long-term solution (working with partners) to tackling these challenges.

"While we continue to do all we can to protect frontline policing, we feel strongly that any additional funding for counter terrorism and armed policing should not come from further reducing budgets for local policing – the HMC has suggested that the neighbour-

hood policing model is under threat on current funding profiles and we agree with this."

Mr Marsh also said: "I am forced to ask my officers, PCSOs, staff and volunteers, who are already working hard, to do even more, extending their shifts, adding to their tasks and increasing their workload, and this is not sustainable in the long term.

"We're asking the government to look at the funding available for counter terrorism, armed and local policing.

"We need to be strengthening our neighbourhood policing teams, focusing on prevention and working closely with our local residents."

A copy of the letter requesting extra capital investment and armed response officers has also been sent to Prime Minister Theresa May and policing and fire minister Nick Hurd, to ensure that they are made aware of the situation.

The Police and Crime Panel supported Ms Mountstevens and Mr Marsh in their decision to share the current position of policing in Avon and Somerset.



■ **POLICE** and crime commissioner Sue Mountstevens and Andy Marsh, Avon and Somerset's chief constable

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CCG loses three prominent members of top team

THE Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group has announced that it has lost three of its highest ranking members.

Chief Executive of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan Angela Pedder, Chief Officer of the CCG Janet Fitzgerald and Chairman of the Eastern and Mid Devon Locality Dr David Jenner have all left their positions.

Angela Pedder resigned from her role as chief executive for the Devon STP on May 31st. Ms Pedder has worked for the NHS for 42 years and spent the last 18 months as chair of the Success Regime. She was at times labelled 'Public Enemy No 1' by angry protesters in relation to the closing of hospital beds across East Devon.

Following her resignation, Ms Pedder said: "I had always planned to rebalance working life

during 2017, on reaching 60. The STP is a key element of the NHS Five-Year Forward View, which will see big changes to the health and care system in the years to come.

"Our plan is now sufficiently developed, with strong clinical and managerial leadership in place to take it forward.

"I feel privileged and proud to have worked for the NHS for more than 40 years. I have been pleased to have led the improvements the Devon system has achieved within the success regime and STP."

Ms Pedder, who was previously chief executive at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, also paid tribute to the 'dedicated' staff and group leaders across the health and social care system.

Janet Fitzgerald asked to be released from her

contract early due to ill health and will officially be leaving her role on August 4th.

Mrs Fitzgerald said: "It has been a privilege to work with a strong, skilled and committed executive team, who have not only been unfaltering in their support of me, but who will confidently lead the CCG through out next phase of development."

Dr Tim Burke, NEW Devon CCG chairman, said Janet had had an 'enormous impact on the organisation'.

Dr David Jenner tendered his resignation at the end of March saying: "Life, it seems, has entered a different phase.

"This has caused me to pause; to consider how I can best use my time in future to benefit my patients, my local population and, I am not ashamed to say, myself and family too."

Dr Jenner added: "My decision is unconnected with any dissatisfaction regarding my role or the direction of the CCG.

"Indeed, I have already offered to remain a 'friend of the CCG' over the coming months and you will probably still see me on the TV or hear me on the radio in my GP role."

Pulman's View from approached the CCG regarding rumours that Angela Pedder, Janet Fitzgerald and Dr David Jenner were all leaving the organisation following a passing comment from a regular contributor.

There was no information on the CCG's website or social media regarding the three high profile members leaving their posts.

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■ Janet Fitzgerald



■ Angela Pedder

Villages Plan: District councillor won't face charges after allegations of failing to declare an interest

A POLICE investigation into claims district councillor Helen Parr failed to declare an interest before taking part in an East Devon District Council debate has been closed, with no further action to be taken.

The complaint relates to a meeting earlier this year about the EDDC Villages Plan.

Councillor Parr is a director of J & F.J. Baker in Colyton, which owns land surrounding the Ceramtec site debated at the meeting, but says she owns no stake in the company.

Two members of the public felt she had broken rules regarding councillors' declarations of interest and should not have spoken at the meeting, so made a complaint to police.

Councillor Parr denied any wrongdoing, calling the allegation "a fabrication".

Police launched an investigation but, on June 29th, a police spokesperson confirmed that the case was closed.

The spokesperson also confirmed that police had passed a file to the Crown Prosecution Service, which decided to take no further action.

● THE former CeramTec site has been purchased by the Homes and Communities Agency.

Comprising 7.56 acres, the site and its future have been talking points since the CeramTec (UK) factory closed a few years ago.

The agency intends to redevelop the site for employment and residential use.

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Public meeting called for next week to give update on hospital beds fight

A PUBLIC meeting will report back on recent developments in the fight to save beds and other services at Honiton Hospital.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th at 7pm at Mackarness Hall.

Organised by Honiton Senior Voice and Save Our Hospital Steering Committee (SOSH), Gill Pritchett (chair of SOSH) will

update the public on recent developments.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public, patients and council representatives, including the mayor and members of Honiton Town Council (who have been invited), to contribute their views.

Local MP Neil Parish has been invited along with

county councillor for Otter Valley Claire Wright, who recently proposed to Devon County Council that New Devon CCG proposals should be referred to the Health Secretary.

The proposal was deferred until July but the meeting will be updated of any progress and given details of how to represent their view when the council meet.

Honiton Senior Voice chairman June Brown said: "We are far from giving up on saving our hospital beds and the ball has now been placed at the feet of the CCG to answer the questions that have been raised by East Devon District and Devon County Councillors."

"As far as we are concerned the case for retaining the beds

is overwhelming given the needs in this area and the pressures on RD&E and other services.

"We think our GPs also want these beds retained. So, we hope to send a very strong message from this meeting to the CCG to answer the case made."

"In the coming months we shall continue the fight to retain these beds."

Spokesman Tony Simpson said: "The CCG are being disingenuous in saying no change will be made until services are in place."

"Staff at Honiton Hospital are already having to consider their futures and there is already uncertainty about what will happen after September by doctors, nurses and patients who may need in-

patient facilities locally. "There seems little prospect that the alternative quality home care systems promised will be in place."

"Look around Honiton – almost every care agency is desperately advertising for staff on fairly low wages and sometimes without adequate training."

"There are just insufficient care resources being put in. I warn the CCG patients will not accept a second class home care service; this could explode in the face of the CCG."

"We also call on our MP to organise a delegation to [health secretary] Jeremy Hunt from local bodies representing patients, professionals and health trade unions."

"Mr Parish should now be standing up in

Parliament telling the Government that he and the people he represents will not accept the closure of beds, maternity and other services at any price.

"We expect him to vote according to his constituents' wishes."

Exeter's AAT office wins 'Branch of the Year' award

THE Exeter branch of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) has been named 'Branch of the Year' at the AAT Professional Member Awards.

Held at the De Vere Beaumont Estate in Windsor on Thursday, June 8th, the awards are designed to celebrate AAT's professional members, and acknowledge their excellent and inspiring achievements.

The Exeter branch impressed the panel for its varied CPD programme, its involvement with the local community, and some innovative ideas on how to improve its event experience.

The Exeter branch committee holds an event programme for local AAT members that has a balance of core and innovative topics to appeal to a wide range of members, while ensuring that hot topics – such as cyber security, cloud computing and making tax digital – are also covered.

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YOUNGSTERS in Honiton have until the end of the week (July 7th) to enter the Chamber of Commerce's logo competition.

The chamber of commerce launched the competition recently, and challenged the youth of the town to design the new logo that will represent the chamber in the years to come.

Entries can be handed into to Honiton Sports Shop and the winner will be announced following a public vote later this month.

An entry form can be downloaded from www.honitonchamberofcommerce.com/competition

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■ AMY Joynes, principal of Stanchester Academy, signs the Armed Forces Covenant with Commodore Nick Tindal at RNAS Yeovilton, witnessed by Armed Forces families and staff members whose spouses serve within the Armed Forces

School strengthens links with air base

STANCHESTER Academy at Stoke-sub-Hamdon – a school which has the highest proportion of children from Armed Forces families in Somerset – has strengthened its links with RNAS Yeovilton.

Principal Amy Joynes recently jointly signed the Armed Forces Covenant with Commodore Nick Tindal, the commanding officer at Yeovilton.

More than 200 businesses across the South West have committed to signing the covenant to demonstrate their commitment to support families who serve in the Armed Forces and to recognise and value the contribution serving personnel and their families make to our country.

Stanchester Academy, with its strong links with the Armed Forces, is incredibly proud of its commitment to ensure its service families have the greatest level of support possible

through their education. Mrs Joynes invited some of the academy's children and families of serving Armed Forces personnel, as well as staff members from Armed Forces families, to join her at the signing where RNAS Yeovilton hosted a morning among the RNAS Historic Flight.

Youngsters enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with their parents at work, learn about the Historic Flight and even board a Wildcat HMA Mk2 and the Sea Fury.

Mrs Joynes said: "Supporting our Forces families is something that is very close to my heart and I look forward to a long and successful relationship with both Yeovilton and our families who are based there."

"Over the coming term our families will be helping us develop our academy plan for service families, thus ensuring we are meeting their needs as they see them."

Music festival smashes record – by raising £72k

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Organisers have been delighted that the 2017 festival, held on June 9-11 at Home Farm, had again been another monster success.

Luke Simon, founder and chief executive officer of School in a Bag and Home Farm Fest organiser, said: "Once again we are bowled over by the festival's success and how much it has raised."

"We watched as the ticket orders came in, and surpassed last year's by a considerable amount."

"In my role as one of the Poo Patrol team, although it may not seem a glamorous job, it does mean I get to see the whole site regularly, and chat to festival goers, traders and volunteers alike and the feedback we get each year is just brilliant – I still find it hard to believe just 12 years ago it was one stage with three bands over one evening."

Zoe Fox, events and marketing manager for School in a Bag and Home Farm Fest organiser, said: "We did have a testing time on the Saturday afternoon with gusts of wind reaching up to 46mph that meant halting proceedings on our main stage for an hour and a half."

"But thanks to a lot of teamwork, the bands affected being amazing, and the wind finally subsiding, we were back on track."

"With the festival getting bigger, it means relying on more and more volunteers and we are so lucky to have such a brilliant team who help from setting everything up, being here over the festival weekend and then helping tidy up afterwards."

"We're only a small team who run the charity and organise the festival, so we are truly grateful for all the help we receive."

"We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps, from all the musicians who play for free, the sound engineers and stage managers, Play Art who give up their time to help entertain all the children, the bar staff for pulling more pints than ever before, and the huge number of other volunteers as all this effort amounts to thousands being raised for School in a Bag."

Planning for Home Farm Fest 13 has already begun and it is hoped that the upward trend will continue in the forthcoming years.

If you have a story for South Somerset contact Peter Hodges on 01297 446162 or Anders Larsson 01297 446142

Awards day as RNAS Yeovilton salutes achievers



■ REAR Admiral Keith Blount, left, presents Warrant Officer Paul Roe with his parchment



■ COMMANDER Simon Collins, right, receives his Long Service & Good Conduct Medal



■ LIEUTENANT Commander Chris Grey, right, with his Long Service & Good Conduct Medal



■ YEOVIL College principal John Evans and performing arts students

Performing arts studio opens

A BRAND new performing arts studio has been officially opened at Yeovil College by principal John Evans.

This purpose-built facility, which includes a fantastic lighting rig and sound system, will provide the performing arts students with a huge space to complete all their practical-based sessions, rehearsals and performances.

To celebrate the launch of the studio, the students performed two emotional pieces including their incredibly moving award-winning showstopper.

The performance was a fantastic way to mark the opening and it received an incredible and emotional reaction from the crowd.

Performing arts at Yeovil College is going from strength to strength, with the official opening of the studio coming only weeks after the students discovered that they won the acclaimed Pearson BTEC Awards Showstopper Challenge, seeing off competition from across the country.

Lucy Scott, performing arts lecturer at Yeovil College, said: "The students are delighted to have their own modern, purpose-built space in which to practise and perform."

"The opening was made even more special with their performance of their thought-provoking BTEC showstopper."

"They're truly humbled by

all the positive reactions and it's given them a boost of confidence for their final performance as official winners at the Showstopper Challenge in London."

Matt Hann, curriculum area manager for sport and dance, said: "The investment in our brand new studio reflects the significance and demand for performing arts within Yeovil and the surrounding areas."

"The college has a fantastic history of successful dance and acting former students working as professionals in London West End Shows and on our TV screens, and our new studio will support the future generations of performing artists within our local area."

A WARRANT officer from RNAS Yeovilton has celebrated receiving his warrant officer parchment from the head of the Fleet Air Arm.

Rear Admiral Keith Blount presented Warrant Officer Paul Roe with the parchment acknowledging his achievement in reaching Warrant Officer Class 1.

The presentation took place during a small ceremony held in the hangar of

825 Naval Air Squadron.

WO1 Roe, who has served in the Royal Navy for 25 years, said: "This is one of the proudest moments in my career – a culmination of 25 years of service with a first-class family of people in the Royal Navy and the support of my family without which none of this would have been possible."

A warrant officer is a member of the highest group of

non-commissioned ranks holding the Queen's Warrant Parchment signed by the Secretary of State for Defence.

Rear Admiral Blount also awarded Long Service & Good Conduct Medals to personnel on 825 NAS including their commanding officer, Commander Simon Collins, for 18 years' service, alongside AB1 badges to two writers.

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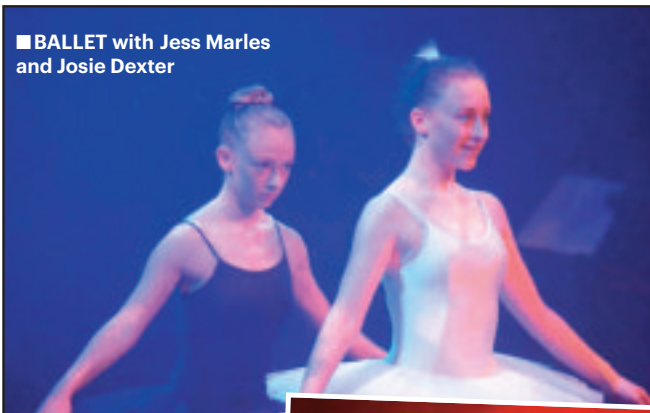


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School goes on magical fairytale journey



■ **BALLET** with Jess Marles and Josie Dexter



■ **GEORGIA** Hentschel, ukulele, and Joe Ockrim, drums



■ **PRESTON** School youngsters on stage at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil for the finale of their production

PRESTON School in Yeovil put on another Creative Expression Showcase to remember as it took the audience on a magical fairytale journey.

More than 100 children took part in the show which was staged by the school, for the first time, at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

All of the acts depicted scenes from four well-known stories – *The Ugly Duckling*, *Cinderella*, *Beauty And The Beast* and *Peter Pan*.

The audience was treated to a great show during the evening with song, ballet, street dance, Irish dancing, drumming from the talented Joe Ockrim, ukulele playing from Georgia Hentschel and a guitar performance from Amy Overd.

Preston School principal Gregg Morrison said he had been amazed by the talented youngsters and was immensely proud of their achievements.

Showcase pictures by **CHRISTINE JONES**

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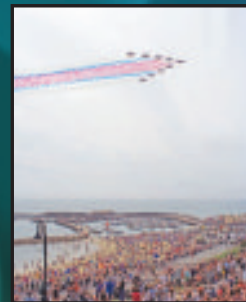
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■ **TALLULAH** (Anastacia Hayward), centre top, with the Grand Slam chorus girls



■ **DANDY Dan's gang members**, from top, Bronx Charlie (Harrison Caine), Laughing Boy (Lily Aksoy), Benny Lee (William Markendale), Doodle (Danny Carey) and Yonkers (Leo Ito)



■ **FIZZY** (Ashley MacLauchlan)



■ **BLOUSEY Brown** (Jessamy Bowditch) with **BUGSY Malone** (James Derrick)

So this is show business!



■ **DANDY Dan** (Owen Williams) with **LOUELLA** (Scarlett Thomas)

THE Castaway Theatre Group wowed the audiences at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil with its production of the musical *Bugsy Malone*.

There were plenty of splurge guns and custard pies thrown in for good measure as the young Castaways put on a fabulous production based around gangster warfare in 1929 New York.

Taking centre stage was *Bugsy Malone* (played by James Derrick) who found himself caught up in the battle between Dandy Dan's (Owen Williams) gang and that of Fat Sam (Vini Lloyd).

All three played their roles well with Vini making the part of Fat Sam his own with a fabulous performance – especially as he had been unwell and even been to Yeovil District Hospital's A&E department on the morning of the final show.

There were also good performances from the likes of Jessamy Bowditch as Blousey Brown, Anastacia Hayward as Tallulah and Ashley MacLauchlan as Fizzy.

But the success of the show was down to the whole cast – plus an excellent team behind the scenes – who worked together to pull off a memorable production.

Show pictures by **CHRISTINE JONES**



■ **FAT Sam** (Vini Lloyd), centre, with his gang members **LOUIS** (Finlay Gudge), **RITZY** (Harry Waddleton), **KNUCKLES** (Jacob Edwards) and **SNAKE EYES** (George Souster)



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CANDLES OF HOPE TO SHINE IN LOVING TRIBUTE AT RELAY FOR LIFE

EVERYONE whose life has been touched by cancer is being urged to light a Candle of Hope as part of Cancer Research UK's Relay For Life in Crewkerne.

Cancer Research UK's Relay For Life is a unique celebration of life and hope. It's a fantastic family and team experience which unites everyone in the community to help beat cancer.

Teams of between eight to 15 people, of all ages, levels of fitness and walks of life, will take part in the overnight fundraising festival at Wadham School in Crewkerne on Saturday 22nd July.

Participants are asked to raise as much money as possible in the months leading up to the overnight celebration, through a wide range of activities from karaoke to quizzes, supermarket bag-packs to charity balls and by securing donations from their family, friends and work colleagues.

During Relay For Life, team members take it in turns to walk round a track while everyone else enjoys the carnival atmosphere. As the event continues non-stop through the night, team members not on the track take turns to rest, eat, or sleep in their tents, which are set up close by.

As dusk falls the specially made Candle of Hope bags, decorated with touching messages – in memory or in celebration of loved ones – are filled with sand and lit up with candles around the track and glow long into the evening.

Candles are often placed to spell out the word 'Hope' and symbolise the heart-felt emotion of everyone who takes part in Relay For Life and supports Cancer Research UK's life-saving research.

The charity funds the pioneering work of thousands of scientists, doctors and nurses who are fighting over 200 types of cancer.

Thanks to Cancer Research UK, more people are surviving cancer than ever before. Survival rates have doubled

over the last 40 years and the charity's work has been at the heart of that progress.

But despite improvements in treatment, cancer causes more than one in four of all deaths in the UK.

That is why Cancer Research UK wants to speed up the progress it is making against the devastating disease.

And the charity is calling on the support of people in Crewkerne to help bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Louise Smith, Chair of Cancer Research UK's Relay For Life in Crewkerne, said: "Everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer. Taking part in Relay For Life is a positive way to be part of your local community and help make a real difference in the fight against the disease."

"Cancer Research UK doesn't receive any government funding for its research so every step we make towards beating cancer relies on every pound, every hour and every person."

"The Candle of Hope ceremony is incredibly moving and highlights the real reason everyone joins together for Relay For Life. We believe that united we are stronger than cancer."

Everyone is welcome to join the festivities at Relay For Life and to take part in the Candle of Hope ceremony, which will take place at 10pm on Saturday 22nd July.

Organisers are accepting donation for Candles of Hope at Shops in Crewkerne including Juliette's, No7 cafe, The Menders and both Stoodleys and Wakelys funeral directors.

Anyone who cannot attend in person but still wants to dedicate a candle and make a donation can do so via the website at cruk.org/relay.

For more information about Relay For Life's Candles of Hope and to enter a team, visit cruk.org/relay or call 0871 641 2602.



School's out for ever

■ **BACK row:** Tom Pittard, Stuart Weston. **Front:** Georgia Patch, Bradley Hill and Molly Paull



WADHAM School sixth formers celebrated the end of the academic year in style.

Together with their teaching staff, they enjoyed a dinner and dance held at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster.

Seventy youngsters and staff enjoyed a two-course meal followed by a lively evening of dancing to music provided by a former pupil's disco, Glow Wizard, and had much amusement in the fun photo booth.



■ **BACK row,** from left: Joe Haskell, Tom Clark, Corey Edwards, Paige Mariner. **Front:** Rebecca French, Charlotte Pettinger, Rebecca Davies and Tara Worledge



■ **ARCHIE** Mitchell, left, Amy Gardiner and William Skinner



■ **FROM left:** Jasmin Smith, Emma Wade and Imogen Sims



■ **SIXTH formers** have dinner at The Shrubbery Hotel



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Friends signal station sign's return

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station (FOCS) were delighted to acquire one of the two original British Rail Southern Region green enamel running-in boards which were removed from the site in 1978.

The board is 10 feet long and two feet high and was one of two which were originally situated at each end of the up and down platforms.

FOCS history group convenor Mike Frackiewicz said: "The sign has a bit of a history."

"British Rail corporate signage had changed back in the late 1960s, but Crewkerne Station, for some reason, was overlooked and the old signs were not removed until more than a decade later."

"We have some old photos of the signs at the station."

Volunteers took the sign to the original position overlooking the flowerbed that has been reinstated by the Friends.

They are looking for ways to make the board a permanent feature at the station.

FOCS are not just about history but



■ THE recovered board is back on the platform and held by Heather Sergeant, John Coleshill, Mike Frackiewicz, Henryk Plotzek, Sue Frackiewicz and Tony Reese

have made many improvements for users of the station, having provided more seating inside and outside, for example.

The next task for FOCS will be presenting members' concerns about proposed changes in the service by the new franchisee, First MTR South Western Trains Limited.

A FOCS spokesman said: "Many users of this rail service use Woking station to get to Heathrow Airport, and Clapham Junction station to access stations in urban London."

"A statement from the new company says cutting out stops at these stations will make the journey to Waterloo slightly quicker."

"The Friends are very concerned that this will be detrimental to passengers from Crewkerne and are working with the strategic group SERUG to put their views to First Group."

The new franchise starts in August.



Museum focuses on explorers

CREWKERNE & District Museum reveals the stories of how people set off for pastures new in the past.

The new exhibition – *Explorers and Travellers* – opened on June 17 and tells how South Somerset adventurers Coryate and Dampier braved the long journeys across the sea to bring back new ideas to our country.

The Coryate and Dampier exhibitions are the result of extensive research by Mark Helyar and Jean Pakes respectively.

Volunteer Janet Harris said: "More recently in the 19th century the Falkland Islands and Australia became the dream of some young people who wanted to improve their life."

'Vast range of stallholders' at village fete

HINTON St George fete will open at noon and close at 4pm on July 16 in the school field.

Events will also take place in St George's Church, including a history exhibition covering the Poulett family, Hinton House and many other characters and aspects of village life over the past 500 years.

The village show will once again be a main feature with both adult and children's categories. Entry forms are available from Our Shop.

Organisers promise a vast range of visiting stallholders, and village groups will be actively involved in running the bar, a tombola and other stalls.



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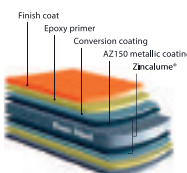
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Day to enjoy countryside

SOUTH Somerset District Council is inviting residents to enjoy a family fun day at the Local Nature Reserve reservoir site at Chard this weekend.

Chard Reservoir is owned and managed by the district council.

It has woodland walks, watery views and meadows alive with insects and flowers. So Chard Countryside Day is a great time to explore the reserve and all it offers.

On Saturday, July 8th, from 11am until 4pm, the South Somerset Countryside Team will be on site with lots of free family activities, including bug hunting, birds of prey, willow weaving, pond dipping, face painting, forest school activities and wood turning.

There is free parking in the Oaklands Avenue car park, or you can use the Sustrans cycleway from the town and cycle to the meadows.

Tim Brown, Countryside

Ranger for Chard, said: "We enjoy delivering this event every year and sharing with people the wonderful site and wildlife at Chard."

"The orchid meadows are truly spectacular this year and just this week a new family of ducklings have hatched, so come along and use the bird hide to see if you can spot them on the water or hiding in the reed beds."

"We are delighted to be welcoming tutors from Carymoor Environmental Centre to join us this year to help local children get hands on with nature and understand about reducing, re-using and recycling for a more sustainable life."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture, added: "The sun always seems to shine at Chard Countryside Day, so make sure to put the date in your diary and pop along to join the rangers in some great activities on site."



YOUNGSTERS who took part in the Ilminster Literary Festival's School Poetry Recital Competition

Youngsters' talent is showcased in school poetry recital competition

CHILDREN from 10 local schools came together at Greenfyld First School in Ilminster to take part in the Ilminster Literary Festival's School Poetry Recital Competition.

This is the second year the competition has been run and again proved an enjoyable evening with poetry ranging from modern children's poetry to the more traditional work of the great TS Elliot.

The prizes were presented by Ilminster

town crier Andrew Fox with an invited judging panel of Julie Fox, Owen Paterson and Edward Wells.

Claire Oaten, head teacher at Greenfyld and organiser of the event, said: "Seeing this competition grow to include secondary age pupils this year has allowed us to showcase an even wider range of local talent."

"All of the youngsters were a credit to their schools and performed with confidence in front of a large audience

of family, friends and invited guests including Ilminster mayor Cllr Val Keitch and members of the Ilminster Literary Committee.

"Given our second successful year with this competition we hope this event will run again next year. Congratulations to the winners Josie, Kathryn and Charlotte and to all finalists who were winners themselves in their own school's internal competition."

Girlguiding taster sessions

ON Saturday the Girlguiding Chard Taster Afternoon will be taking place at the Barleymow farmshop in Chard.

The taster workshop combines physical activities run by Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, along with group discussions with past leaders.

The taster afternoon begins

at 2pm and finishes at 5pm.

Furthermore, from 4pm to 6pm, Girlguiding are calling all ex leaders to a tea party to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Chard.

If you or someone you know used to be involved, please contact girlguidingchard@hotmail.com



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County VIPs attend civic service

ILMINSTER'S mayor, Cllr Val Keitch, held her civic service at the Minster where she welcomed council dignitaries from around the county.

Mayors and deputy mayors from across Somerset descended on Ilminster for the service which was conducted by the Rev Nigel Done.

There were Bible readings from Cllr Keitch and the deputy mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Julie

Fowler, along with some singing from the choir of Greenfylde First School.

A collection was held in aid of Sweet Surprise.

Refreshments were laid on at the Minster Rooms following the service

■ **PICTURED:** the Mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Val Keitch, front centre, outside the Minster with some of her guests at the annual civic service
Picture by CHRISTINE JONES

Lions roar thanks for your support

THE Lions Club of Ilminster and District has thanked everyone who supports its fundraising events which allows it to support charitable organisations.

The latest beneficiary of the Lions Club's efforts is the Taunton and Mid Somerset branch of the Parkinson's UK charity.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition – meaning that it causes problems in the brain and gets worse over time.

There is currently no cure for Parkinson's but there are lots of different treatments, therapies and support available to help people manage the condition.

Parkinson's UK supports people with the disease, and helps raise money



■ **ALAN** Rudkin, centre, of Ilminster Lions Club, with Alan and Isobel Gould of the Taunton and Mid Somerset branch of the Parkinson's UK charity

for better care, treatments and quality of life.

The president of the Ilminster branch of the Lions Club, Alan Rudkin, pre-

sented a £3,000 cheque to the chairman of the local branch of Parkinson's UK, Alan Gould, and his wife Isobel.

Mr Rudkin said: "The Ilminster Lions would like to thank everyone who helped us to raise this sum for such a worthwhile cause."

If you have a story for South Somerset, call Peter Hodges on 01297 446162 or Anders Larsson on 01297 446142

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HOLYROOD Academy Year 9 boys' rugby squad were crowned county seven-a-side champions at Yeovil RFC.

The Holyrood boys won all their matches against schools from across the county.

Simon Jenkins, Holyrood's head of rugby, said: "The lads were fantastic all day and represented the academy brilliantly."

"They put their heart and soul into every performance."

"This squad continues to get better as they progress through

the school and many of the squad have started to play and train at Chard RFC which helps their development massively.

"It was hard to pick a player of the day but Chas O'Shaughnessy, Alfred Busby, James Salaman, Harry Clifford and Lewis Hole were the stand-out performers."

■ **BACK row, from left: Kurt Beaver, Sam Parker, Lewis Hole, Alfred Busby, James Eaton, Nathan Fowler. Front: Chas O'Shaughnessy, James Salaman and Harry Clifford**

Fag ends 'heading out to sea'

SUSTAINABLE Chard linked up with local residents to arrange another Community Action-led litter-picking event.

The volunteers met at all main roads leading into Chard, and later gathered in the centre of town to show the amount collected.

All rubbish was then sorted for recycling by Tim Eggins who arranged the litter-picking event with Lynsey Arscott.

Many local residents asked the litter pickers how they can be involved next time – the easiest way is to follow Sustainable Chard on Facebook.

Cllr Amanda Broom said: "Despite the litter pickers starting early, the hot temperatures soon made picking up chewing gum interesting."

"The biggest eye opener was the amount of cigarette ends thrown on to the streets, in gutters and in our lovely streams which head to the English Channel and the Bristol Channel."



■ LITTER pickers in Chard following their hard work clearing up

But we would walk 500 miles... and a whole lot more



STAFF from Tesco in Chard raised £3,267 through their one million miles charity fundraiser.

The aim was to move a million miles to stay healthy, and Tesco would match every mile moved with £1. All money raised was distributed among three charities – Diabetes UK, The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

The fundraiser began on May 3 and continued until May 31. All miles were counted both during and outside of their work.

Staff could take part in a huge variety of sports, including walking, rowing, swimming and cycling.

An exercise bike was stationed inside Tesco in Chard.

Across every Tesco store which contributed to the cause, staff managed to walk, swim and run 6.6 million miles.

Overall they raised £1 million, meaning that each charity will receive £333,333.

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Stars on Friday

THE weather was kind to pupils and families at Chard School as they held their annual sports days over the course of two Fridays.

Visitors and pupils enjoyed afternoons of competition and teamwork with an array of activities including sack, running, obstacle and relay races as well as the ever-popular parents' races.

PE teacher Ann Taswell said: "The events demonstrated the effort, enthusiasm, determination and all-round

good sportsmanship shown by our pupils at Chard. Well done everyone."

At the end of both afternoons the children were treated to ice creams to reward their hard work.

Head teacher Sarah Graham said: "It was lovely to see so many parents and family attending and cheering on the children."

"Everything ran like clockwork, thanks to our PE teacher Miss T and her team of helpers, and ice creams rounded off the days beautifully."



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Business VIPs reflect on successful year

AROUND 50 of the county's leading business people gathered in Taunton for the annual Business Leaders' Dinner, organised by Somerset Chamber of Commerce.

Held at The Castle Hotel, the event is one of the highlights of the chamber's events calendar, attracting many of Somerset's most successful businesses and biggest employers.

It provides an opportunity for the county's influential business people to network over dinner, as well as getting an update on key business issues.

Chamber chief executive Dale Edwards reviewed some of the highlights of the past year, including the chamber's successful re-accreditation to the British Chambers of Commerce; the influencing work that has been undertaken with key members of the government such as Business Secretary Greg Clark; the green light for the Hinkley Point C project; and the launch of a new business manifesto for Somerset.

He referenced the new Somerset chamber logo, which was introduced following a review of the organisation's vision and values by the internal team.

He also mentioned the introduction of new chamber communication channels this year, as well as a number of new additions to the chamber staff – a team that continues to grow, with plans to recruit

another apprentice in the near future.

Following the meal, guest speaker Jeremy Hyams, founder and chief executive of Claims Consortium Group, addressed the room, sharing his experience and views following more than 25 years in business.

Having started out as sole trader in 1991, he has grown the business organically and now has four offices – two in Somerset – more than 300 staff and a £45 million turnover.

Mr Hyams and his team have won numerous prestigious awards and accreditations, including being listed in *The Sunday Times* Top 100 Companies To Work For, recognised as one of the LSE's 1000 Companies To Inspire Europe, and receiving a Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation – the highest official UK award for a British business.

While he remarked that he had never seen so much uncertainty and volatility across so many different industries as there is today, he does not believe the economic climate is the main risk to business at this time.

Rather, he feels the single biggest threat is understanding the digital revolution and the phenomenon of the modern-day customer, saying: "I truly believe that unless we get a grip of the digital revolution and understand what the modern-day customer wants, they will destroy



■ FROM left: Dale Edwards, chief executive of Somerset Chamber of Commerce; Chris Squires, lead supply chain engagement manager for Hinkley Point C, EDF Energy; Jeremy Hyams, chief executive of Claims Consortium Group; Jamie Driver, senior supply chain engagement manager for EDF Energy; and Greg Saunders, chairman of Somerset Chamber of Commerce

businesses and possibly even bring down industries.

"I need to evolve my business fast enough to keep up with the technological advances and all the extra demands from the customer that the digital revolution brings. I need to stop another company coming in and disenfranchising my services, Uberfying me, and making me irrelevant."

Mr Hyams outlined his belief that the traditional hierarchy structure for business doesn't work in this fast-paced business world. Instead he has created a bottom-up process,

so the people dealing with the customers have the tools that enable them to change the systems and procedures within the business.

This not only helps staff to feel valued and empowered, but also means they are consistently evolving as a business. This, he says, is key to creating an agile and dynamic business, able to best serve the needs of the modern customer.

EDF Energy was the sponsor of this year's Business Leaders' Dinner.

Chris Squires, the company's lead supply chain engagement man-

ager for Hinkley Point C, summarised the work that has been done with Somerset Chamber and other partners over the past seven years to help local businesses get involved in the project.

He said it fills him with an enormous sense of pride when he goes on site and sees so many local businesses involved in the project.

However, he said work is only just starting on the heavy civil engineering part of the construction, so there are years of activities ahead where local businesses can still be involved in the project.

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'Cover up – and avoid skin cancer'

A SOMERSET construction worker – who was diagnosed with skin cancer due to working in the sun without protection – has urged people to cover up.

Twenty-three-year-old Ollie Ash was diagnosed with a malignant melanoma when he was just 17 after a friend first noticed blood seeping through the back of his T-shirt from a mole.

"I went to my GP, who referred me to a dermatologist, which led to day surgery in Yeovil District Hospital for mole removal," said Ollie, of Yeovil.

"Places like building sites, which are generally all men, and other trades would consider it uncool to apply sun protection."

"No-one wants skin cancer. So my advice is that it's not worth risking your health when you just need to take a couple of minutes out of your day to apply sun cream."

His advice comes as Somerset's public health experts join with GPs to remind outdoor workers to "Cover Up, Mate" if they want to avoid skin cancer.

Rates of skin cancer in Som-



■ **MAKE sure you aren't burned by the sun this summer**

erset and the South West are on the rise.

And the new "Cover Up, Mate" campaign aims to target those most at risk.

This is often men working in farming, gardening, construction and sport – many of whom seldom use sun cream.

A common fallacy is that the sun in this country is not strong enough to cause sunburn and therefore skin cancer.

Trudi Grant, Somerset's director of public health, said: "Your risk of getting skin cancer is linked to your exposure to ultra violet (UV) radiation which is within sunlight."

"As we have seen better weather overall this year this will encourage more people to spend more time outside, thereby exposing themselves to the greater UV levels."

"But sunburn causes skin cancer so it's important people

take more care, especially men and those who work outside.

"They need to use at least factor 15 sunscreen with good UV-A protection and apply it generously on all exposed skin."

Top tips for avoiding sunburn and the risk of skin cancer:

- Spend time in the shade if you can;
- Make sure you never burn;
- Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses;
- Use at least factor 15 sunscreen.

Dr Amelia Randle, a Somerset GP and cancer lead for Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "It's important to avoid sunburn by either covering up or wearing a high-factor sunscreen cream."

"If people believe they have a mole or blemish that has been changing shape, bleeding or itching for some days or weeks then they should have this assessed by a GP."

"People need to be vigilant and aware of the signs and symptoms of skin cancer – but don't be over anxious."

For more information about safety in the sun and reducing your risk of sunburn and skin cancer, visit the NHS Choices website nhs.uk/livewell/skin/pages/sunsaferasp.

■ **THIS photograph appears to show that someone tried to gain entry to the van but failed**



Appeal for info after van is damaged in car park

AN appeal has gone out to anyone who may have information about damage caused to a van which was parked in a Yeovil town centre car park on June 24.

The Knights Deliveries firm had loaned a van to the Castaway Theatre Group to enable it to move equipment to and from the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil while doing its production of the *Bugsy Malone* musical which ran from June 22 to 24.

But Nigel Pitcher, of Knights Deliveries, writing on social media, said: "While the van was parked in Petters Way on Saturday night (June 24), someone caused damage to the rear door."

"If anyone saw anything we would be grateful for information received so we can pass the info on to the police."

Knights Deliveries is contacting South Somerset District Council to see if security cameras at the car park recorded the culprits in action.

It is believed that the damage may have been caused sometime between 7.25pm on June 24 through to just after midnight on June 25.

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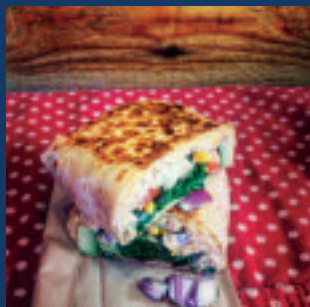
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Currently based in Pelly Gallery's former premises on Broad Street, Ali McLoughlin and her team - along with probably the biggest collection of recipe books in West Dorset, are upping sticks and paddling eastwards. But don't worry they're not leaving town. Delightful Dottie is simply moving to the very lucky Marine Theatre.

While the premises may be changing, the delicious, healthy menu of smoothies, juices and falafel wraps with daily specials will remain, and now customers will also be able to sit down if they wish and enjoy the Marine's stunning location as well as the food.

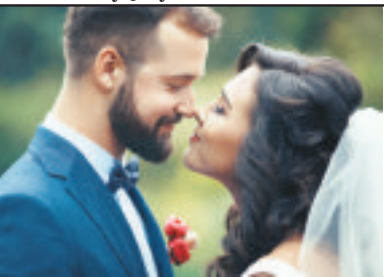
But that's not all. Given the theatrical surroundings it seems only right that the cooking should, on occasion, put on a show too. So, kicking off the party will be a barbecue on Saturday 12th August to coincide with the Marine's

showing of a Beach Boys Tribute Band. Expect scrumptious, locally-sourced burgers and sausages with a Dottie Kitchen twist, alongside a wonderful range of smoothie cocktails. What better way to start those Good Vibrations?

Summer 2017 will see Ali and her team on a new adventure at the Marine Theatre. Opening for business on Monday, 10th July Dottie Kitchen and the Marine Bar will be welcoming customers from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, all year round. The Marine Bar will also always open one hour before every show and during the interval and Dottie Kitchen Coffee Bar will also always open 30 minutes before each show and during the interval. Opening hours at other times will be driven by events like the Beach Boys Tribute Band on Saturday 12th August and the weather - so make sure you check out the website at www.dottiekitchen.co.uk for up-to-date information or follow Ali and her team on Facebook.



■ **Ali McLoughlin of Dottie Kitchen with daughter Ella**



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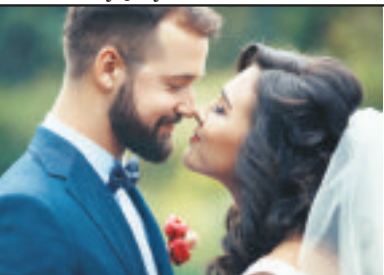
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My Big Fat Wedding Bill



WEDDING guests spend an average of more than £100 on an outfit and over £75 on a gift, according to new research.

With Pippa Middleton's recent wedding estimated to have cost a cool £250,000, a study shows it's not just the bride and groom and their families who fork out when their relatives tie the knot.

And two-thirds of guests (67 per cent) believe ever more competitive weddings have become "too extravagant" in recent years.

Figures show that of those who have bought a new outfit for a wedding in the last three years, the average spend was £101 - with men forking out slightly more than women at £104.

Guests spent an average of £76 on wedding presents, with women (£79.30) more generous than men (£71.82).

But men (£37.96) spend more on booze on the big day than women guests (£23.21), according to the research by consumer analysts Mintel.

The average spent on travel to and from the big day is £63, while those who have to book accommodation spent an average of £61.

And it's not just the big day itself which hits guests in the pocket as the average cost of attending a stag or hen party is £164, with hen dos (£165) marginally more expensive than stags (£163).

Nearly half of all adults (49 per cent) have attended at least one part of a wedding in the last three years while one in seven adults (14 per cent) of all adults have attended a hen or stag party during the same period, according to the research.

Jack Duckett, senior consumer lifestyles analyst at Mintel, said: "As wedding celebrations have become more extrava-

gant affairs in recent years, the various costs that guests incur have also increased.

"Today's wedding guests are not only forking out on gifts, but in many cases also spending on new outfits, travel and accommodation.

"Hen and stag parties have also become big business, morphing from what was traditionally a night out with friends into fully fledged, multi-day celebrations in their own right.

"The rising cost of stag and hen parties reflects the increasing breadth of activities groups look to include in their celebration, ranging from afternoon tea and wine tasting experiences to spa weekends abroad."

Three out of four guests (76 per cent) say cash or gift vouchers are an ideal wedding gift.

Mr Duckett said: "With many couples today having 'set up house' together before they marry, the tradition for giving new couples homewares has been rendered increasingly obsolete.

"Wedding gift lists have consequently become more popular in recent years, as marrying couples look to guide guests towards items that they want or need."

More than half (57 per cent) believe wedding guests shouldn't be expected to pay for food and drink on the day, while the same proportion don't believe it is fair to expect guests to travel too far to attend.

The dress remains the biggest wedding priority for more than half of brides (58 per cent) with less than one in five (19 per cent) prepared to walk up the aisle in a second-hand dress.

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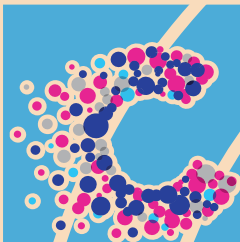


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One per cent of the older generation - or around 231,000 people - have opted for a nip, tuck or other procedure after hitting the landmark.

The good news for adults approaching 50 is that those who are now on the wrong side of half a century feel ten years younger mentally - and four years younger physically.

Six out of ten of the 50,000 people who took part in the SunLife Big 50 study said they were enjoying life more than ever.

More than three quarters (78 per cent) said they no longer worry what other people thought of them.

Ian Atkinson, of SunLife, said: "While some over 50s are feeling the pressure to stay young, most don't actually care what other people think and are happy just living their lives to the full.

"This includes making more of an effort to eat well and exercise more regularly than they did when they were younger which suggests that far from feeling 'over the hill', people aged 50 and over are making sure they are fitter than ever so they are free to do what they want to do.

"Some people still believe that turning 50 is something to worry about, that life slows down after that - but



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The study, commissioned to launch SunLife's Welcome to Life After 50 campaign, found most had changed their lifestyle since turning 50 by quitting smoking, eating more healthily and exercising more frequently.

Six out of ten said they began taking more notice of what they were eating while 46 per cent have started exercising more.

One fifth said they had cut down on drinking since turning 50 and one in seven had stopped smoking.

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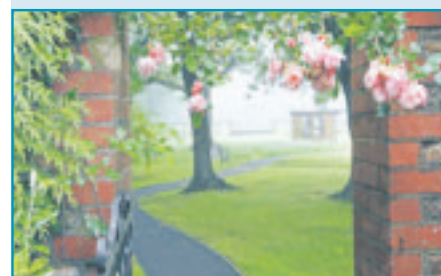
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But researchers from the National University of Singapore have found that a combination of nutritional, physical and cognitive interventions can reduce or even reverse physical frailty.

Lead author Dr Ng Tze Pin said: "Physical frailty is common among the elderly and is strongly associated with cognitive impairment, dementia and adverse health outcomes such as disability, hospitalisation, and mortality.

"Physically frail elderly persons are two to 10 times as likely to become functionally disabled on daily living activities, hospitalised and die earlier than their robust counterparts.

"When physical frailty and cognitive impairment are present together in the same individual, he or she is more than 20 times as likely to become disabled, hospitalised or die earlier.

"With such compelling evidence, if it is possible to reduce or even reverse physical frailty in the elderly, we could greatly improve their quality of life."

Assoc Prof Ng and his team conducted a four-year trial between 2010 and 2013, involving 250 community-living older persons in Singapore who were 65 years old and above and who showed signs of frailty.

Participants were randomly allocated to receive lifestyle interventions in one of five groups for a period of six months.

Three groups of participants were provided with either physical training, nutritional enhancement or cognitive training, while the fourth group received a combination of all three interventions.

The last group was a control group which did not receive any intervention.

Assessment of the participants' frailty and other outcomes were made before the start of intervention, and during the six-month trial, they had two progress measures, followed by a check up six months after the trial ended.

The NUS researchers found that the three types of intervention, as well as a combination of all three approaches, were able to reduce frailty and depressive symptoms, and improve cognitive functioning of the elderly.

Assoc Prof Ng added: "Our study shows that it is feasible to identify pre-frail and frail older persons in the community and primary care settings and provide them with lifestyle interventions to reverse frailty.

"We found that better nutrition, physical training and mental exercises can reverse frailty, enhance muscle strength and gait speed, reduce depressive symptoms and improve cognitive functioning.

"As such, these interventions can go a long way to reducing the high prevalence of physical disability, hospitalisation and mortality in an ageing society like Singapore.

"The important message from our studies is that frailty is not an inevitable part of ageing.

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The average woman starts their packing for a break four days before they leave, with more than one in ten allowing a full week to get organised.

But men don't start packing until three days before they go, with more than half admitting they often leave it until a day or so before, or even on the day, they depart.

The poll by Rescue Remedy also revealed women allow more time to travel to the airport and check in earlier than men.

Despite this, it also emerged being organised doesn't necessarily result in a more relaxed build-up to a holiday with women most likely to feel concerned before a trip away.

A spokesman for Rescue Remedy, said: "It's a common belief that men

leave things until the last minute but it seems that really is the case.

"Being organised is often key when it comes to holidays - making sure you have packed everything you need and getting to the airport in plenty of time to make your flight.

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Mike's vintage jazz session comes of age

PIANIST Mike Denham's popular vintage jazz sessions at Ilminster Arts Centre come of age on Friday, July 14th. For his 21st Speakeasy at the Arts Centre, Mike is joined by vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Graham Hughes for an evening that promises to be filled with music, fun and Mike's famous anecdotes.

Graham Hughes is a remarkably versatile musician – there aren't many instruments he doesn't seem to be able to

turn his hand to! As a trombone player Graham has toured the UK and Europe with renowned musicians such as Keith Nichols, Enrico Tomasso, the Charleston Chasers, the Passadena Roof Orchestra, and Alan Barnes among others and he is now in demand as a name in his own right. Some years ago Graham took up the sousaphone, and has built a reputation as a leading player, pinning down the bass-lines solidly in traditional jazz, funk, Latin and bands. He has also played double bass in gipsy jazz style bands for many years. Even his chromatic harmonica comes in handy for some concerts – an instrument he was given when he went travelling as a youngster! As a youth Graham spent many hours singing in choirs, and he is now a vocalist with the Sunshine Kings and other bands.

Mike Denham is one of the most popular performers at the Arts Centre, and his concerts generally play to a full house. A brilliant pianist, Mike has a profound and enduring love of early jazz, and his trademark

repartee is studded with an array of amusing but informative anecdotes about the world of jazz. Mike's repertoire ranges across American jazz from the early 20th century through to 50s Rock and Roll. He plays classic rags by Scott Joplin, the blues and stomps of Jelly Roll Morton and Fats Waller, and popular songs by George Gershwin and Irving Berlin, as well as eight-to-the-bar boogie and blues from Meade Lux Lewis and Albert Ammons through to the somewhat more up-to-date "Fats" Domino.

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■ Graham Hughes



■ Mike Denham

Dame Judi Dench announced as Exeter Northcott Theatre anniversary patron

EXETER Northcott Theatre is delighted to announce that the highly acclaimed and much loved actress Dame Judi Dench has accepted to be Patron for its 50th anniversary year, 2017-2018.

Dame Judi is admired around the world for a 60 year career of phenomenal performances on both stage and screen. She has won an Academy Award, ten BAFTA Awards and six Laurence Olivier Awards. In recognition of her many achievements, she received an OBE in 1970, became a DBE in 1988, and in 2005 was awarded a Companion of Honour.

Dame Judi was a long-time friend and colleague of the Northcott's first director, Tony Church, has been patron of past Exeter Festivals and was also patron of the theatre's former Friends scheme. The Northcott is greatly honoured that Dame Judi has agreed to become the patron at such an important time for the theatre.

Dame Judi Dench said "I have been as-

sociated with the Northcott Theatre for many years, so I was particularly pleased to be asked to be a Patron of the 50th Birthday Anniversary. With so many regional theatres having disappeared, it is important to support those that still survive and help them to thrive."

Exeter Northcott Theatre first opened its doors in November 1967 and has helped launched the careers of celebrated actors including Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Robert Lindsay, John Nettles, Geraldine James and David Suchet, and seen world premieres from playwrights such as Anthony Mingella and Howard Barker.

The anniversary celebrations will begin with an Anniversary Gala on Sunday, November 12th 2017 to celebrate the theatre's first 50 years and will raise funds to help strengthen the foundations for the next 50.

Tickets for Exeter Northcott Theatre's 50th Anniversary Gala and new autumn season are on sale now.



■ Dame Judi Dench

All set for a jolly July

HAVING had a fantastically busy June with some stonkingly fab shows from brilliant West Country actors and musicians, I think we're all looking forward to a little bit of calm with a terrific mix of great films in our cinema.

There's certainly a weird and wonderful selection - that's what you get when you try to find something to suit all tastes, and that's what we're here for!

We had to have *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2* (12A). Who could resist this bunch of bickering renegades and Baby Groot? A feel good film for the family, fab on the big screen and you don't have to have seen the first movie to get it! Friday, July 7th at 7.30pm.

For something totally different, on Friday, July 14th we have *The Levelling* (15) at 7.30pm. The flat, flooded plains of Somerset provide fertile soil for writer and director Hope Dickson Leach in this remarkably powerful tale of blighted farms and fractured families. This has had numerous five star reviews, so try it!

Acclaimed filmmaker Guy Ritchie brings his dynamic style to the epic fantasy action adventure *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* (12A) on Saturday 15th at 7.30pm. Starring Jude Law, as bad guy-Vortigan and Charlie Hunnam in the title role, the film is an action packed take on the classic Excalibur myth, tracing Arthur's journey from the streets to the throne.

On Friday 21st at 7.30pm we have Daphne Du Maurier's dark romance *My Cousin Rachel*, which tells the story of a young Englishman who plots revenge against his mysterious, beautiful cousin, believing that she murdered his guardian. His feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms. Starring Rachel Weisz, Sam Claflin, Holliday Grainger and Iain Glen

We also have a classical music live broadcast with, André Rieu (U) known to millions as 'The King of Waltz'. This spectacular Maastricht concert features the maestro in his element, along with his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra, sopranos, tenors and very special guests. André delivers an unforgettable musical experience full of humour, fun and emotion for all ages. Saturday, July 22nd at 7pm. All tickets are £10.

Our nostalgic cinema screening on Friday, July 28th at 2pm is the Disney classic *Fantasia* (U) with tea, biscuits and chat afterwards all for £3.50. That evening at 7pm we have an encore screening of *Vikings* (PG) from the British Museum Exhibition. With expert insights, tremendous close ups and dramatic storytelling. Adult £10, Student /child £8.

Prices for our films are: Family tickets £20, Adult £6.50 and U16 £5.50 unless otherwise stated. Contact the Beehive 01404 384050 or www.beehivehoniton.co.uk or pop in, and while you're here, take a peek in the gallery where we have some really beautiful Photographs on display until July 7th as a part of the 'Hope and Renewal' project. The project was initiated by local sculptor 'Morth' who was inspired by the sad demise of The Royal Clarence hotel in Exeter. His amazing sculpture built from the burnt 500 year old timbers is currently on display at Powderham Castle.

Finally we are really excited to have Wren Music coming to perform a concert at the Beehive as a part of their Devon Remembers Heritage project. With songs that tell the stories of Devon's home front during the First World War 'Blackberries and Bandages' will feature over 60 performers, some from East Devon Rough Music orchestra, the Voices East Devon Choir, plus a core of musicians and singers. This promises to be a wonderful evening and at only £5 adult and £3 student /child it should be a sell out! The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday, July 8th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy and the Beehive team.

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Marine Theatre's re-telling of the famous Monmouth Rebellion

FOLLOWING on from last summer's award-winning sell-out community play, *'The Tempest of Lyme'*, this year The Marine Theatre have commissioned, developed and staged a brand new play *'Monmouth'* involving a large community cast and local creatives.

Monmouth tells the story of a pivotal piece of South West history and has provided a fantastic opportunity for local people of all ages and abilities to build confidence, learn new skills and engage with the arts.

Written by screenwriter Andrew Rattenbury (*Doc Martin*, *EastEnders*) and directed by the Marine's artistic director Clemmie Reynolds, the play will be performed by local Dorset actors and musicians. *Monmouth* tells the story of the most controversial and exciting moment in the history of the county, putting Lyme Regis at the centre of the famous Monmouth Rebellion.

Three thousand years ago in 1685, the Duke of Monmouth landed on the Lyme Regis beach to raise a rebel uprising against the then King James II. It was a bold Protestant rebellion fuelled by the discontent amongst all classes of people who risked everything to join him against the Catholic King. They



Photos by Simon Emmett Photography

marched across the South West in a ragtag army attracting thousands of ordinary men to join the cause.

The play will be performed nightly at 7.30pm on July 6, 7, 8 (Gala Event) and July 13, 14, 15. Re-live the dramatic landing of Monmouth each night with a special pre-play procession, as the audience is invited to gather at the sandy beach from 6.30pm to witness Monmouth's landing kicking at 6.45pm. Here they'll follow the rebel army before witnessing the bloody conclusion inside the Marine Theatre.

On Saturday, July 8th there will be a Gala fundraising performance complete with a red carpet, free glass of prosecco, nibbles, a raffle drawn

by our Marine Theatre patrons; writer Andrew Rattenbury and Oliver Ford Davies and *'Monmouth'* cast (prizes include an 'extra' role on set of *Doc Martin* in Cornwall) plus live music by arch-lutist Kevin Avebury and a chance to meet the cast and crew! Tickets are £27.50 (including booking fee) per person and are also available to buy at the below locations.

Tickets are available to buy at the Lyme Regis Tourist Office or online via www.marinetheatre.com and are £15 Full Price, £10 concessions and £25 for the Gala Event on July 8th. Please note that all tickets generate a 10% booking fee if booking in advance.



'Waving Goodbye' to Winstons theatre season

WINSTONS Pub Theatre brings its third (and final show for this short season) to the venue this weekend, Saturday 8th and Sunday, July 9th. *'Waving Goodbye'* from award-winning Exeter company Tree Shadow Theatre is described as an "emotionally charged black comedy, which asks fundamental questions about existence and relationships. Should we take risks or take the road most travelled?"

Directed by Anita Parry and performed by Louisa Wilde and Lucy Theobald, this is a new play by playwright Andrew Shakeshaft, following a call for new work by the company last year. They go on to perform in Bristol, Bath and

London, but be warned the play is for adults, and contains strong language.

Founder members Andrew Beaumont and Mervyn Hewish, together with Chrissy Evans set up the venture in March 2017 to see if there was any appetite for professional live theatre in Seaton, and fast-growing audience numbers have certainly proved that there is.

They believe that pub theatre (not usually found outside large cities) is quite unique because it is different, intimate, often experimental, sometimes challenging, but always interesting, and many of those new to the genre have agreed, giving five star reviews so far.

WINSTONS PUB THEATRE

WAVING GOODBYE

"All those people who died young. You've got their life, you've got the chance they never had, and what are you doing with it?"



This award-winning play is brought to you by Tree Shadow Theatre as part of it's South West and London tour.

**Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July
At 7:30pm**

**Tickets now available from Winstons, Harbour Rd
Steve's News in Fore Street, SEATON
and The Little Shop in Colyton**

£7 in advance £10 on the door

NB: Winstons Pub Theatre will close after this production for the Summer and we would like to thank all our volunteers and supporters for their invaluable help and support - without which we would never have been able to do this!!!

Concert of songs for bass singers

ANOTHER concert will be held in July in the Sunday afternoon series at St Bartholomew's Church.

Discover the range and excitement of music written for Bass singers with a concert headed by Jonathan Lewsey. Jonathan has pursued an active and diverse career as singer, actor, director lecturer and author. He has performed widely in Opera and concerts including at The South

Bank at Queen Elizabeth Hall and The Purcell Room. This concert offers a fascinating journey through the diversity of roles written for Bass singers, both comic and tragic. Jonathan Delbridge will be accompanying.

The concert takes place on Sunday, July 23rd at St Bartholomew's Church, 3pm. Tickets are £8, or £10 on the door, available from Crewkerne Town Hall.

Exhibition at Marine House

BRISTOL-BASED Adrian Sykes, who is staging a solo show at Marine House in Beer, has established a prize-winning reputation for paintings which are both inventive and alter-

native, but grounded in his deep appreciation of remote landscapes and his love for British, French and Italian townscapes.

He recently visited Venice which

has inspired a number of the paintings in this show.

The exhibition continues until Friday, July 7th and is open every day from 10am-5.30pm.

Jazz on the Platform at Seaton Tramway!

LOOKING for something to add an extra 'swing' to your step? Why not join us and the amazing Lazy River Swing band for an evening of great music and food at Colyton Station. Take a tranquil tram ride along the Axe Estuary and enjoy a delicious two course dinner at Colyton Station. The tram departs Seaton at 7pm and returns from Colyton Station at 10pm, with a delicious two course meal to be served at 8pm.

Lazy River Swing is a quintet of vocals, sax, guitar, bass and drums playing swinging jazz. Guests can

either purchase tickets for a tram ride, entertainment and food, or simply opt in to join us for dinner and entertainment at Colyton Station.

Tram, Entertainment and Food tickets are £27.50 per adult, £17 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5. Entertainment and Food tickets are £20 per adult, £12 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY JULY 4TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster & District Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am at its new venue, Cricket St. Thomas Golf Club (TA20 4DG), for a talk by Charlie Palmer on 'Downsizing' and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare@Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Ample free parking.

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4pm, at St John Hall, King St.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

KILMINGTON: Moviola screening of 'Lion' at Kilmington Village Hall, doors and bar (wine & soft drinks) open at 6.45 film starts 7.15pm. Tickets £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door, book your ticket by phone: John on 01297 32335. For more information about the film and alternative pre-booking option visit: www.kilmingtonvillage.com/moviola.htm

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Gateway. Fore Street, £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

AXMINSTER: 1st Axminster Scout Group are holding their A.G.M. at their Group Headquarters in Widespost Lane at 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

COLYTON: Colyton Discovery Stroll. 11am-12noon. Join us and enjoy wildlife on a gentle stroll beside the river Coly. Meet at Chantry Bridge, King Street, Colyton. Free. No booking necessary. Legacy to Landscape Community Heritage Project event. For more info - legacytolandscape@gmail.com; Pete 01404 310012

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

UPLYME: Lyme Ladies Quilt Group meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, 1st Wednesday of each month, 1.30-4.30pm. Annual membership fee £10 (visitors welcome). If you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. We also enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit or two, plus the inevitable chat. Call 01297 445747 or 01460 394429 if you would like more information.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute birthday party, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

THURSDAY JULY 6TH

CHARD: Straightforward, welcoming, and free relaxation and meditation sessions in Eleos Coffe Shop, Chard. First Thursdays April to September, 7pm-9.15pm.

Facebook.com/stompyrelaxation. Email: stompy@cheerful.com.

AXMINSTER: Music at the Minster: Lunchtime concert. Gabrielle Lewis (organ). At the Minster, 12.30pm. Lunch at 1.05pm. For more details call 01297 32927. Donations towards the upkeep of the church.

COLYTON: Historical Walking Tours of Colyton. Every Thursday until September 28th at 2pm. Meet at the Dolphin Street Car park. Booking not necessary. £3 for adults, under 16s Free.

To arrange a walk for a larger group please phone 01297 552514

TATWORTH: Tatworth Flower Club are holding a flower arranging demonstration by Sue Neale entitled 'Showtime' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, South Chard, Near Chard, Somerset TA20 2QW. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start.

All welcome £5 entrance fee payable on the door. Refreshments available.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club Summer Party. St Bartholomew's Church Hall. 7.30-10pm.

Cloth and Lace Day

COLYTON Heritage Centre began a volunteer project to research aspects of the town's history in July 2015. We are holding an exhibition and activity day on Wednesday, July 12th in St. Andrew's church to share some of the discoveries we have made about the development of lace and cloth making in the Colyton area. You will be able to:

Discover more about the lives of the lace makers who lived and worked in Colyton through the centuries from the 1600's.

Listen to Carol McFadzean, President of the Devon Lace Teachers, talking about the history of lacemaking in the Colyton area at 11 a.m. and Pat Perryman, an internationally known lace maker, speaking about Honiton lace at 2.30pm.

Watch demonstrations of lace-making, spinning, weaving and felting. Try lacemaking and felting yourself.

Explore the history of the wool and cloth trades and learn how they contributed to the wealth which enabled the building of the magnificent west window and octagonal tower of St. Andrew's church.

COLYTON CLOTH & LACE DAY

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2017

11.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLYTON

Explore the cloth and lace heritage of Colyton's past

11.30 a.m. Introductory talk by Carol McFadzean

2.30 p.m.

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7.30pm at Marine Theatre
Play begins

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Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

Diary Dates

Guest Caller Sue Horsham, with live music from "A Pair of Shears". Bring and share supper. £5

SEATON: Greys Music Makers 10am-11am at St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford road. For families and carers with babes and toddlers. Music, dancing and activities. Refreshments available.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10- 11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

THURSDAY JULY 6TH - WEDS JULY 19TH

SIDMOUTH: Sidmouth Society of Artists Annual Exhibition at Kennaway House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth EX10 8NG. Entry £1.00 per person. Under 18s FREE. 10am to 5pm (Final day closing at 4pm)

FRIDAY JULY 7TH

BRIDPORT: Talk: Dance in literature, Chaucer to Dickens. Free. All ages welcome. (No unaccompanied children.) At Bridport Library.

SEATON: Seaton Eats Boutique, 5-9pm.

SEATON: Bible Society Seaton Action Group. Cream Tea at Number One Harepath Road Seaton. 3pm to 4.30pm, £3.

CHARD: Family History Open Day at Boden Centre, 12-4pm. Come along and meet our experienced tutor Jane and find out about what is on offer with Somerset Skills and Learning for the autumn term and enroll for a course, discount available until the end of July.

WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH

ILMINSTER: "Care for Our Common Home," sharing practical ecological approaches, fresh farm produce, contemplation practice and meditation in daily life with Brother Sam from Hilfield Friary, Dorset. At St Mary's Church, 10am-4pm.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the Stix presents 'La La Land' in the Hinton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

KILMINGTON: Neighbours Together jumble sale at the village hall, 10am-12noon. Free entry.

BEER: Wurlitzer Theatre Organ Show - Trevor Bolshaw, International Recording and Concert Organist, will play at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, EX12 3JQ. The show starts at 2.00pm, admission £7.00 on the door, children free, everyone welcome.

For further info visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk or phone 01297 24892.

DONVATT: Floral Demonstration by Jenny Chance titled "Summer Bounty" at Donvatt Village Hall. 2.30pm tickets £10 to include a Cream Tea in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Tickets available from 01460 53951/75025/67149/67325

COLYTON: Table top sale and coffee morning in Colyton Town Hall. Fund raising for Fay Rabjohns to be Colyton Carnival Princess. To book a table please phone Sheila on 01297 20741 or Clare on 01404 871342 after 6pm.

ILMINSTER: Ile Valley Flower Club Cream Tea, 2.30pm at Donvatt Village Hall. Jenny Chance will be giving a Floral Demonstration titled Summer Bounty in aid of the club's charity of the year, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Ticket on sale at £10 including the Cream Tea from 01460 53951, 75025, 67149, 67325

SEATON: St Gregory's Church Summer Fair at St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, 10am-12noon. Come and enjoy the variety of stalls. Offering glassware, silverware, woodcrafts, cakes and much more. Refreshments.

CREWKERNE: League of Friends Fete at Crewkerne Hospital, 2-4pm. Musical entertainment, refreshments, ice cream, grand draw, books, and lots more.

BEER: Beer Lifeboat Week. Street collection 10am-6pm. Table Top Sale, 9am-12.30pm at the Mariners Hall, tables for hire £6. For more details call 07813 043 301

COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Combe St Nicholas Primary School Summer Fair, 12-3pm. Lots to see and do including bouncy castle, pony rides, parrots, stalls and games for children and adult to look at, as well as demonstrations from Irish Dancers and Police Dog. Entrance is by donations

SEATON: Seaton branch of Cancer Research UK Summer Fayre to be held at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall, doors 10am.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE THIS MONTH

IT'S YOUR last chance to see Morville: A Garden in Another Time, on display in the Gallery until July 8th. Artist Maureen Cooper visited the famous garden at Morville in Shropshire every month for several years, using her photographs as a starting point for this fascinating evocation.

Beyond the Surface brings together the work of a group of artists whose work pushes the boundaries of what is expected. This display features paintings in a variety of mediums and styles – from the impressionistic to the ultra-contemporary – along with photographs, textile art and mixed media mosaics. This highly textured show runs July 10th to August 4th.

On July 14th, Mike Denham's hugely popular vintage jazz sessions at the Arts Centre come of age with his 21st SpeakEasy. Mike is a master of early jazz genres, and his anecdotes are as informative as they are entertaining. Mike's special guest for the evening is

multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Graham Hughes.

We get a taste of contemporary Canadian jazz on July 21st with a performance from one of Canada's most successful small jazz groups, the A/B Trio. On tour all the way from Alberta, this young band are purveyors of stylish contemporary jazz and this is a wonderful chance to hear them without having to venture across the Atlantic!

On July 28th top musicians Karen Sharp & Sue Richardson pay tribute to legendary jazz players Gerry Mulligan and Clifford Brown. Karen (on baritone sax) and Sue (on trumpet) team up with the Craig Milverton Trio for a concert that celebrates two different instruments and two distinct jazz styles.

Our July workshops offer a wealth of opportunity to get creative and explore different media and crafts. Learn how to make crochet storage baskets on July 1st or get to grips with some new watercolour techniques in Nicky Clarke's one day workshop on July 7th.



with Abigail Willis

Enjoy some therapeutic cross-cultural hand sewing in Slow Stitch with k3n on July 14th or settle down to discuss a good book on July 14th. Broken crockery comes into its own on July 15th at our Mixed Media Mosaics workshops, while on July 21st you can discover the textile art of Felting. Children's Art Chest on July 22nd goes all funny with a look at how to draw your favourite cartoon characters while on July 25th we are running a new workshop called Hammered Leaves and Flowers, which uses the 'Hapa Zome' technique to create unique prints from real flowers and leaves.

Our regular clay, figure drawing and jazz jam sessions continue through the month as usual – please see website for details of these and all our other events. www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

Mozart concerto is an unexpected delight

Axe Vale Orchestra thrill with Beethoven's 7th Symphony under new conductor's leadership

Axe Vale Orchestra at The Minster
ReView by Ray Bruno

As a teenager I thought Mozart's music seemed too easy and superficial that was, until I started

trying to play it!

The symphony is far better-known than the concerto we had just heard. Serna emphasised the power and drama of the work rather than the dance-like quality for which it is renowned; Wagner called it the apotheosis of the dance.

But as I marvelled at the striking innovation of the work I kept thinking about the legacy which Mozart had left and how much Beethoven had benefitted from this.

The symphony sounded brilliant in the acoustics of the Minster, especially with the accompaniment of blackbirds who fortunately had to stay outside.

The second movement especially, which was used to such devastating effect in the film *The King's Speech*, was particularly impressive in its great build-up. The third movement didn't have quite enough of the spring I was hoping for although I did enjoy the sudden joke which Beethoven reserves for the last few bars.

The finale however did not suffer from any lack of forward drive as Serna took us all on the great journey through to its final triumphant notes.

Under their new conductor the orchestra has achieved a high level of quality especially in terms of intonation and phrasing. The next concert will be in the autumn and will contain a particularly quirky favourite of mine, the Poulenc Flute Concerto. I very much look forward to it.

AXE VALE Orchestra's (AVO) May concert was conducted by its new principal conductor and cello wizard Arturo Serna.

AVO do three concerts a year – in February, May and October.

Many of the audience in The Minster were looking forward to Beethoven's mighty 7th Symphony in the second half but for me it was the concerto in the first half which stole the show.

Mozart more or less invented the piano concerto and through his 27 concertos developed the form in a way which could not have been foreseen by his predecessors.

In fact, subsequent composers, like Beethoven and Schumann, didn't really substantially change the format that Mozart had created.

We heard the late piano concerto in C K503. I say "late" but we must remember that Mozart died so young and was just 30 when he wrote this.

The piano soloist was Simon Watterton, an imposing and insightful musician who physically towered above our conductor. His music-making went far beyond just playing the notes and he demonstrated his deep understanding of this music. The concerto contains great contrasts, starting with a triumphant brass and timpani call-to-arms and progressing through bewildering sequences of keys and passages which seem to belong to a later era.

Such is the genius of Mozart. I was struck by how the piano and the wind intertwined in a magical fashion; has anyone written more beautifully, almost operatically, for the wind?

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Diary Dates

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

BROADCLYST: 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

DONVATT: The Ile Valley Flower Club are holding a Flower Demonstration by Jenny Chance called 'Summer Bounty' at Donvatt Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm. Tickets £10 to include a Cream Tea. All proceeds in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance; Parking at the hall. Tickets available from 01460 53951/ 75025/ 67149/ 67325

BRIDPORT: Historical dance class at Bridport Town Hall, 1.30-4 pm. £5. No partner needed, nor previous experience. 01935 472771 or thedancingmaster@outlook.com.

NORTH PERROTT: Fete at North Perrott Cricket Ground, 12pm to 4pm. Includes silent auction, stalls and attractions. Entry 50p, under 16s free. For more details call 01460 72883 or 76457.

CREWKERNE: Car Boot Sale at Wadham School, 10am - 12pm. Sellers from 9.00am. £5 car/£7 van. Refreshments. Free entry for buyers. Organised by Friends of Wadham. Enquiries email: Fows2006@outlook.com

BEER: Beer Lifeboat Week. 12th Annual Duck Race Day. Duck art competition - bring your drawing, painting or collage to the RNLI shop at Jubilee Gardens, by 2pm. Duck races start down Beer Brook, 3pm.

MONDAY JULY 10TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

BEER: Beer Film Society showing 'Hidden Figures' at Steamers Restaurant. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm. Members £3.50, non-members £5. Drinks bar, ice-cream and raffle. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY JULY 11TH

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Nicholas Martin will perform at 7.30pm.

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare@Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Ample free parking.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

OTTERY ST MARY: Colouring Club. An hour's respite to clear the mind and focus on producing beautiful, coloured pictures and patterns. Fortnightly at Ottery St Mary Library and Information Centre, 5.30pm. Taster session £2.

WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Gateway. Fore Street, £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

BEER: Beer Lifeboat Week. Quiz Night in the Long Bar, Dolphin Hotel. Teams of 4. Entry £2 per person. Quiz starts at 8pm.

COLYTON: Heritage Cloth & Lace Day will be held in St Andrew's Church. A wonderful celebration with exhibits, demonstrations, activities and talks by Carol McFadzean and Pat Perryman. Were you taught lace making at school? Come along and share your memories. Refreshments available. Free admission. 11am - 4.30pm

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY JULY 13TH

AXMINSTER: Music at the Minster: Lunchtime concert. Axe Valley Community College. At the Minster, 12.30pm. Lunch at 1.05pm. For more details call 01297 32927. Donations towards the upkeep of the church.

COLYTON: Historical Walking Tours of Colyton. Every Thursday until September 28th at 2pm. Meet at the Dolphin Street Car park. Booking not necessary. £3 for adults, under 16s Free. To arrange a walk for a larger group please

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CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association bi monthly official meeting in the Chard RFC Essex close at 7.30pm. Further details can be obtained from the association secretary Mr Gary Pennells 01460 77978

CREWKERNE: English Folk Dance. St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street, 8-1pm Every Thursday. £3.50. First visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 01460 75760.

SEATON: Gregs Music Makers 10am-11am at St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford road. For families and carers with babes and toddlers. Music, dancing and activities. Refreshments available.

OFFWELL: Honiton Flower Club is hosting a flower arranging demonstration entitled 'It Takes Two' by Alan Smith and Lee Berrill, two Area Demonstrators. Doors open at 1.30 for a 2.15 start. Refreshments available. Draw for the arrangements. All welcome for a £10 admission fee.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10 - 11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

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CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

OTTERY ST MARY: Linda Finlay will be talking about her new book, 'Orphans and Angels', and how she develops her work as a well-known author of romantic fiction. At the library and information centre at 2pm. Tickets £2 from the Library.

FRIDAY JULY 14TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

SHUTE: Bats about Bats, Shute Woods, 8.30pm to late. Meet for talk at Shute Church. Followed by bat detecting walk in Shute Woods with Fiona Mathews. Bring a torch. All ages welcome. Free. Booking not necessary. Park Church end of Haddon Road, Shute, EX13 7QR. Legacy to Landscape Community Heritage Project event.

BEER: Beer Lifeboat Week. Music night at the Dolphin Hotel. Sea shantys and songs from the Chantry Buoys. Plus music and songs from Izzy Rose and Jessica. 9-11pm in the Long Bar. Donations to the RNLI.

COLYTON: Film "Hidden Figures (PG)" at The Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre(lower hall) Colyton at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 at door. Disabled access from lower car park.

SATURDAY JULY 15TH

ULPYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Summer Show and Country Fayre from 1pm to 5pm on the Uplyme Playing Field. Schedules have been available for some time, but it is not too late to get hold of one and decide which classes to enter. Even if you are not competing, there will be plenty of stalls, demonstrations, games, free train rides, refreshments and musical entertainments. There is also the Family Dog Show, going from strength to strength, with entries taken on the day from 1pm. For more details, see our website at ulrns.wordpress.com.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Henhayes Centre. 9.30 - 1pm. Tables available at £5. Free admission on day. Refreshments available.

OTTERY ST MARY: There's something peculiar happening at the library - and that's where the Animal Agents come in! It's free to join, so come along and take part in the investigations. Starts Saturday 15th through the school holidays. Look out for more information.

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GO GREEN at home with our guide to embracing houseplants

Houseplants are back in vogue. Once a popular feature in Sixties and Seventies homes, they fell out of favour in the minimalist Nineties, but now going green indoors is all the rage again.

"We've observed the creeping return of greenery in the way some of the chicest folk around decorate their homes today," says Kara O'Reilly, co-author with Ian Drummond of *At Home With Plants*.

"Cool interiors are upping the variety of plant pots in their ranges, and there's a revival of everything from terrariums to hanging planters as decorative elements." "One of the most amazing things about houseplants is that you enjoy them all year round, and there's nothing more satisfying to the soul than nurturing a living thing," adds Kara.

"With a little know-how, even the least green fingered among us can grow an indoor plant. But be warned - once you start, the look will grow on you!"

Living room

"Houseplants can have enormous impact in a living room because there are so many areas to display them," says Kara.

"Follow the fashion for hanging planters - in macrame, metal or marble - and attach them to the ceiling to create a 'green screen'. Or invest in a set of open shelves, fill with potted plants to make a room divider. Quirky containers for foliage - such as vintage hampers - will inject personality into a setting"

How to display: Surfaces from mantels to shelves, windowsills and side tables are perfect homes for plants. If you have the space, go to town with a group of different sized, floor-standing architectural palms to create a focal point.

What to pick: Palms, weeping figs or finger trees are all conversation pieces. Choose plants in foliage colours to complement your ornaments or colour scheme, such as trailing plants, English ivy, chain cactus; or flowering plants such as flamingo flower, pink quill or vanda orchids.



Kitchen

"The kitchen's the heart of the home, so

why not show yours a little love with some creative planting?" says Kara.

"Herbs are an obvious choice, as they're attractive, an invaluable cooking ingredient and their fragrance can mask odours."

How to display: Try placing a large container of mixed herbs on a table, or plant individual varieties of herbs in matching pots and line them up along a shelf, a windowsill, or a work surface.

What to pick: Chives, coriander, mint, basil. They prefer a light, bright position such as a sunny windowsill and regular water and occasional misting. Ideally, buy plants from a garden centre as they'll last



longer. Asplenium ferns, echeveria succulents and moth orchids also thrive in kitchens with lots of light.

Bathroom

"Most bathrooms tend to fall into one of two camps: light and humid, or dark and humid. While light levels are obviously a key consideration when choosing plants



for any space, with a bathroom you need to select humidity-loving plants above all," advises Kara.

How to display: Arrange plants so they're within your sight line when taking a soak in the tub or a shower. In a small space, choose miniature varieties and dot them

amongst your lotions and potions.

What to pick: Cacti and most succulents are an absolute no-no. Orchids, ferns, aloe and palms all like humidity and can also tolerate fluctuations in temperature. Trailing plants work well, including spider plants; heart-leaf philodendron and chestnut vine. Foliage plants are a better choice for a dark bathroom as flowering plants generally need higher levels of light.

Bedroom

"Plants don't only look good in bedrooms - but they can also help us feel calm and act as natural air conditioners, gently raising the humidity levels and improving air quality," says Kara.

How to display: A plant on a bedside table will upgrade its look and is a welcoming touch for a guest. Consider an indoor tree by a bed, or hanging planters to bring interest to a dull corner.

What to pick: Plants that cope with slightly lower temperatures and potentially lower light levels. Seek out varieties which are proven toxic filters, such as heartleaf philodendron and peace lily. Improve air quality by choosing plants that release oxygen at night, such as orchids, Barbados aloe and mother-in-law's tongue; while lavender (known as a sleep inducer) could scent the air.

At Home With Plants, by Ian Drummond & Kara O'Reilly, with photography by Nick Pope, is published by Mitchell Beazley, priced £20. Available now



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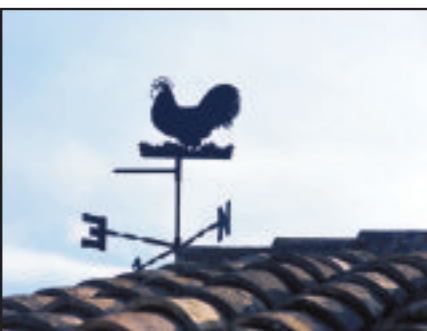

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Design: compact yet spacious

With a length of 3,597 mm, width of 1,645 mm and height of 1,478 mm (five-door model), the ŠKODA CITIGO is one of the most compact yet spacious cars in its segment. There is a choice of three trim levels: S, SE and SE L. The ŠKODA CITIGO is also available as a Monte Carlo edition.

The completely revised front section includes a new bonnet with powerdome design, a modified bumper, revamped fog lights and a redesigned radiator grille in the typical ŠKODA design. The headlights feature LED daytime running lights (standard from SE) and the fog lights are now available with a cornering function (op-

tional). City Safe Drive with light and rain sensor as well as Light Assist with Coming Home function also provide greater comfort (optional from SE trim level).

The redesigned rear section is characterised by the dark-tinted tail lights (from the SE trim level upwards). In the Style and Ambition trim levels, the roof and the wing mirrors are available in white or black as an optional extra (not applicable for the body colours Sunflower Yellow and Dark Sapphire Blue).

14-, 15- and 16-inch alloy wheels are available. The new 15-inch 'Conan' alloy wheel (optional for SE L trim level) is available in silver. The shape of the eight spokes creates the impression of a turbine. In terms of body colours, the vibrant standard colour Kiwi Green replaces the metallic colour Spring Green.

In the interior, the city car presents large interior dimensions that are typical of ŠKODA. The ŠKODA CITIGO offers a boot capacity of 251 l and elbow room of 1,369 mm (in the five-door). With the rear seats folded down, the boot can hold 951 l in the three-door and 959 l in the five-door. The long

wheelbase of 2,420 mm creates plenty of space in the rear; four people can enjoy journeys in comfort. The EasyEntry function in the three-door version (standard in SE and SE L trim levels) makes it easier for passengers to get into the back.

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The entry-level engine is the 1.0-l engine with 44 kW (60 PS). Maximum torque of 95 Nm is achieved at 3,000 rpm. The ŠKODA CITIGO accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 14.4 seconds. Its top speed is 162 km/h. In combination with the five-speed manual transmission, it has a combined consumption of 4.4 l per 100 km on average and emits 101 g of CO₂ per km. In the particularly fuel-efficient GreenTech version, these values are 4.1 l per 100 km and 96 g CO₂/km respectively.

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The Fiat 500 Anniversario is available as a hatchback or a convertible and honours the 1957 Italian-made icon with a contemporary re-interpretation of the stylistic features that made it famous in the Dolce Vita years. This new special series has a sixties look that references some of

the key historic characteristics of the car, such as the two new exclusive colours, Sicilia Orange and Riviera Green, the chrome accents on the bonnet and door mirror caps, the vintage Fiat logos and the 16-inch vintage alloy wheels. An alternative 16-inch diamond finish alloy wheel is also available, as a no cost option, offering a modern take on the spokes of classic car wheels. The vintage elegance of the car is completed by the cursive "Anniversario" logo sported on the boot.

The Fiat 500 has always had an inimitable look, and with the Anniversario every detail is designed to capture the carefree style and mood of the sixties, but with a modern touch. Inside, the new seats channel the retro style with horizontal striped fabric, contrast piping in body colour and an embroidered 500 logo, while the body-coloured dashboard and

"Anniversario" embroidered floor mats complete the look.

The sixties was synonymous with embracing new technology and the new Fiat 500 Anniversario does just that. With automatic climate control, cruise control and rear parking sensors as standard, customers can also specify the optional Tech Pack, which includes the 7-inch TFT instrument panel, the Uconnect 7-inch HD LIVE radio, Apple Car Play and Android Auto™, and satnav on request, bringing the Fiat 500 Anniversario bang up-to-date.

Available in combination with the 1.2-litre 69hp petrol engine, the Fiat 500 Anniversario returns 60.1mpg on the combined cycle, emitting just 110g/km CO₂, combined with the Dualogic gearbox this reduces to 105g/km CO₂, while returning 62.8mpg.

It was on July 4, 1957 that the "great little car", the em-

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The Fiat 500 Anniversario is available to order from today and will be in dealerships

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Production of the Holden Commodore model, on which the GTS-R is based, comes to an end in Australia this October, when Holden's manufacturing plant finally closes. Vauxhall – a sister brand to Holden in the GM family – has been importing the VXR8 in various forms since 2007, and sells the car through selected dealerships in its network with full service back up and a three-year, 60,000-mile warranty.

As befits its last-of-line status, the GTS-R-R is no ordinary VXR8 – and in this form it's exclusive to the UK, too. Sending drive via a limited slip differential to the rear wheels, the GTS-R retains the previous GTS's clever torque vectoring system, but adds an upgraded braking system with six-piston,

monoblock calipers and 410mm discs up front. In addition, the GTS-R wears all-new 20-inch forged alloy rims (ten-inch width at the rear, 9-inch at the front).

Visually, the GTS-R has a fresh face, with a new front fascia, splitter, wings and carbon fibre vents, while at the rear there's a new-look diffuser, spoiler (with carbon fibre upper), lower panel and quad

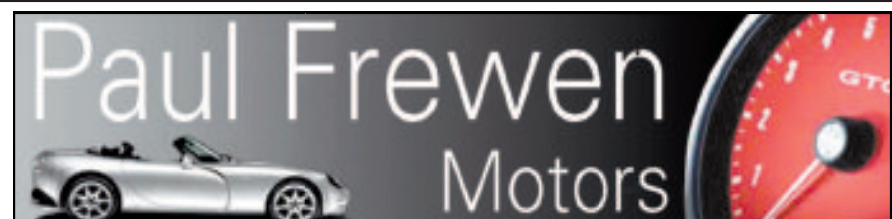
exhaust outlets with diamond-shaped exhaust tips. Inside, the diamond theme continues in the Alcantara and leather seat trim.

The current supercharged LSA engine has been re-mapped and is fitted with a high-flow air filter to achieve its hike in power.

Just 15 Vauxhall VXR8 GTS-R's will come to the UK, at an on-the-road price of £74,500.



■ The new Vauxhall VXR8 GTS-R



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Perrott's proud record comes to an end

Chard drop to foot of table after hefty defeat - Ilminster chase stalls

WEPL Premier Division Two (Bristol/Somerset) ILMINSTER 121 (41.40v)

KEYNSHAM 160 FOR 9 (500v)
A MIDDLE order collapse saw Ilminster fall 39 runs short in their pursuit of a gettable target of 161 on Saturday.

Visiting skipper Dan Jarman won the toss and opted to bat first. And Jarman then led from the front with a watchful top score 55 off 110 balls with just five boundaries.

Having been 84 for 2 Ilminster will have been pleased to have held their opponents to 160 for 9 off their allotted 50 overs.

The most successful of the Bears attack were Louis Kraucam (3-32) and Harry Montacute (3-35) while Craig Rice took 2 for 26.

The chase looked promising at 42 for 1 Kraucam and Charlie Vickery going well. But when the former was snapped up for 31 to hosts stumbled to 60 for 5.

Vickery was eventually dismissed for a battling 46 with 120 on the board and only one more run was added as Ilminster were all out in the 42nd over.

Ilminster 5pts, Keynsham 17.

Somerset Division BRIDGWATER 78 FOR 3 (13.40v) CHARD 74 ALL OUT (250v)

CHARD banded just a solitary point and are now six adrift at the foot of the table after a seven-wicket battering by hosts Bridgwater.

After winning the toss, a steady stream of wickets, including four ducks, saw Chard blown away for a paltry 74 in 25 overs with only Chris Scott (26) and Nathan Warren (17) reaching double figures while Bridgy's Ian Higgins returned superb figures of 8-2-13-5.

Faced with such a small target the hosts could bat with freedom and eased to 78 for 3 in just 82 balls with Scott striking twice in his solitary over.

Chard 1pt, Bridgwater 20.

NORTH PERROTT 128 (37.20v) MINEHEAD 192 FOR 9 (500v)

THERE was a shock at Willis Lane as North Perrott lost their impressive unbeaten record and were toppled off the top of the table after defeat by lowly visitors Minehead.

Perrott skipper Jake Symes invited the visitors to bat first and it looked to be a good decision with both openers dismissed and only 11 runs on the board.

Alex Eckland (4 for 51), coming on at third change, ripped through the middle order but Liam Muggeridge stood firm with a 13-boundary 76 and there were 30 wides as Minehead closed on 192 for 9 from their 50 overs.

North Perrott Academy/3rd XI



■ **HEY, HEY IT'S THE MONKEES:** The North Perrott Academy/3rd XI who currently sit bottom of the Somerset League Division 7S. Line-up, standing, from left; Alec Hayton, Luke Jackson, Jonathan Hopper, Alistair Hayton, Finn Hayton, Harry Morrissey, Mark Payne. Front; Alex Payne, Joseph Eckland, Mark Oppe (captain), George Bromfield. **Photo by ADRIAN HOPPER**

Perrott's pursuit began in disastrous fashion and they were in all sorts of trouble at 24 for 4. Nick Taylor (45) and Craig Jones (14) steadied the ship with a 50-run stand for the fifth wicket, but once they were split the innings tailed off with only Johnny Ireland (22*) any real resistance as they fell well short on 128 all out.

North Perrott 5pts, Minehead 18.

Next Saturday's fixtures
Ilminster v Shapwick & Polden, North Perrott v Wembdon, North Petherton v Chard.

SOMERSET LEAGUE Premier

Taunton Deane 2nds 123 all out (B.Ford 3-28) Yeovil 219 for 7 (J.Hayes 43, A.Murphy 30*)
Yeovil 35pts, Taunton Deane 13.

Division Two
Chard 2nds 155 all out (M.Walmesley 36; T.Ahmed 5-31) Weston-super-Mare 2nds 222 for 5 (M.Kearsey 82, W.Whitell 45; A.Sochon 3-51).
Chard 12pts, Weston-super-Mare 35.

Division Three
Minehead 2nds 229 all out (A.March 118; A.Pitman 3-37, Ben Pitmen 3-38) Barrington 145 all out (T.Pitman 60; D.Sherring 3-25).
Barrington 17pts, Minehead 35.

Broadway & Horton 159 for 8 (J.Larkman 45; A.Cox 3-14) Ilminster 2nds 100 all out (D.Vining 24; J.Pike 5-21, I.Hosken 4-24).
B&H 32pts, Ilminster 13.

Division Four
Lympsham & Belvedere 225 for 7 (J.Luff 93, T.Gooding 47) South Petherton 107 all out (A.Catchpole 28; J.Luff 4-27).
South Petherton 12pts, L&B 35.

Division Five
Crewkerne 204 for 4 (C.Gould 73, J.Gould 36) Hardington & West Coker 162 for 8 (C.Bason 38)
Crewkerne 33pts, H&WC 12.

Uphill Castle 271 for 6 (B.Carter 126, P.Holyday 54*; J.Hawkins 3-68) North Perrott 2nds 188 all out (J.Eckland 50*, G.Johnson 41)
North Perrott 15pts, Uphill Castle 35.

Division Six (S)
Yeovil 2nds 277 for 5 (L.Martin 77, M.Dyer 56, J.Reeves 52*, D.Rowe 42) Huish & Langport 2nds 58 all out (T.Laney 3-0-3-5)
Yeovil 35pts, H&L 7.

Division Seven (S)
Broadway & Horton 2nds 105 for 9 (D.Cook 20) Long Sutton 2nds 106 for 2.
Broadway & Horton 7pts, Long Sutton 34.

Taunton Deane Crusaders 193 for 5 (D.Parsons 60, A.Akhtar 53; J.Male 3-27) Crewkerne 2nd 196 for 5 (A.Kember 55, J.Male 53*).
Crewkerne 30pts, TDC 14.

Taunton St Andrews B 277 for 4 (N.Contreras 126, J.Hockey 86) North Perrott Academy 154 for 7 (J.Hopper 58).
North Perrott 11pts, TSA 31.

Barrington 2nds 91 all out

(J.Pattison 26; J.Hicks 6-19) Wincanton 221 all out (C.Williams 86; R.Green 3-15).
Barrington 14pts, Wincanton 35.

Division Eight (s)
South Petherton 2nds 129 for 3 (J.White snr 75*) Chard A 128 for 2 (P.Tolley 89*).
South Petherton 27pts, Chard 9.

Yeovil 3rds 100 all out (P.Staddon 22; H.MacDonald 3-23) Ilton 2nds 200 for 5 (D.Male 51, C.Jones 33, G.Reynolds 30*).
Yeovil 10pts, Ilton 35.

Ilminster A 168 for 5 (N.Warry 50, T.Goss 45) Castle Carey 2nds 129 all out (P.Martin 56; J.Salaman 3-22)
Ilminster 33pts, Castle Carey 11.

Saturday's fixtures

Premier; Street v Yeovil.
Division Two; Chard 2nds v Long Sutton.
Division Three; North Newton v Barrington, Broadway & Horton v Watchet, Minehead 2nds v Ilminster 2nds.
Division Four; Ilton v South Petherton.
Division Five; Crewkerne v Cranmore, Peasdown St John v North Perrott 2nds.
Division Six; Yeovil 2nds v North Petherton 2nds.
Division Seven (S); Trull 2nds v Broadway & Horton 2nds, Barrington 2nds v Crewkerne 2nds, Taunton Deane Crusaders v North Perrott Academy.
Division Eight (S); Ilminster A v Ilton 2nds, Chard A v Huish & Langport 3rds, Yeovil 3rds no game, South Petherton 2nds no game.

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Bishop best in sunshine

IT was very hot and sunny for round five of Ilminster AA's Summer League and most of the 18 anglers found it hard going at Dillington Pond.

Adie Bishop had no such problems when he drew the same peg he'd won the last match from and had a lovely day catching chub, bream and skimmers for 44lb 9oz and a comfortable victory.

John Dursley was second with 10lb 10z from peg 11 and Jake Woodard was third with 9lb 11oz from peg 7 and Jess Jordan was fourth with 8lb 9oz from peg 13.

After five matches and dropping the two worst scores, Bill Hopping, John Dursley and Jess Jordan are tied at the top on five points.

Round six is on July 16th and the draw is at Ilminster Bowling Club between 830 and 9am.

Result: 1st Adie Bishop (Taunton) - 44lb 9oz, 2nd John Dursley (Enterprise Angling) - 10lb 10z, 3rd Jake Woodard (Ilminster) - 9lb 11oz, 4th Jess Jordan (County Gardening) - 8lb 9oz.

Sections: A - Bill

Hopping (Ilminster)

- 7lb 9oz, B - Gra-

ham Field (Taunton)

- 4lb 14oz.

Cricket Captains
Please submit your match reports and photos for inclusion by 10am on Monday mornings

jack high bowls round-up

Ilminster youngsters shine in county win

SEATON
with Alan Nicholas
SEATON won a friendly away at SEVERALLS 82-71 on Sunday, June 25th. Best rink for Seaton was; Liz Wilde, Graham Thomas, Peter Greenwood & Angie Mathew. Carol Seaward, played very well on debut.

The following day Seaton won 88-48 at TIVERTON BOROUGH in an East of Exe Mixed League match with the best rink being; Carol Armitage, Peter Newton, Graham Thomas & Terry Hurley-Smith.

On Tuesday, June 27th a County Trophy match took place against FENITON with two rinks played at home and two at Feniton. The result was two rinks each, but the shots total went to Seaton 74-63. The best Seaton rink was; Norman Stone, Mat Tyne, Terry Hurley-Smith & Ken Shean.

On Wednesday, Seaton's Ladies Over 50s Triples League Blue team welcomed SIDMOUTH YELLOW. The triples were shared but Sidmouth took the match 41-22. Best triple was Carol Armitage, Angie Mathew & Marian Vessey.

Finally, last Thursday Seaton entertained PHEAR PARK in a friendly. The four triples were shared, but Seaton took the match 50-57. The best triple was Peter Jones, Ruby Grigg & Dave Yardley.

FENITON
with Roger Smith
THE Men's team defeated HONITON 47-22 in the Foxlands competition to reach the area final. The winning rink was R Lovering, I Veitch, A Kury & K Lovering 28-3 with the other rink being tied.

It was a disappointing week for the men's over 60s with both teams losing. The A team lost 40-11 to HEEAVITREE in a rain curtailed match and the B team lost 37-24 to Crediton C.

The ladies lost their over 50s match to EXONIA 45-29. In the East of Exe League the mixed team enjoyed a narrow 62-61 victory over CULLOMPTON. The winning rinks were; T Cox, D Downs, S Kury & A Kury 19-10 and C Maynard, D Coyne, R Veitch & I Veitch 18-15.

The mixed team won 113-73 at WELLINGTON. The winning rinks were; L Crook, Ru Clarke & D Coyne 26-6, J Wheatley, S Kury & A Kury 25-10, T Cox, J Livings & L Ley 22-12 and A Coyne, D Sanders & G Phillips 16-14.

However, the next day they lost 77-47 at home to TIVERTON PARK. The only winning rink was L Ley, R Crowe-Swords & G Phillips 17-16.

OTTERY ST MARY
with Mike Smith
OTTERY defeated visiting CHARDSTOCK 97-54 in a friendly, the best rink was Moyra Griffin, Dave Rose & skip Terry House 31-9. Ottery then won 70-61 at Hemycok in a EEML match thanks in part to a

30-5 success by Dot Luff, Brian Salter, Tony Luff & skip Mike Smith.

Ottery men beat BUDLEIGH SALTERTON 78-70 in the County Trophy, the best rink was John Mabbott, Chris Hawke, John Pethick & skip Terry House 25-11.

In the men's Over 60s League the A team went down 29-32 at home to MADEIRA B, the winning Ottery rink was Tony Luff, John Pethick & skip Terry House 22-15.

Ottery finished the week with a 76-74 win in the home friendly against LYME REGIS.

HONITON
with Julie Grant
HONITON defeated tourists FARRINGTON 111-95, top rink was skipped by captain Gerry Stafrace and included Yvonne Williams, Bob Mackintosh & Tony Tooley winning 26-14.

The Men's Over 60 A those match with BELMONT, one rink only losing by one on the last end but top triple was Malcolm Seaborne, Mike Dart & skip Gerry Stafrace 18-10.

The ladies drew their Over 50 league game with PINCES GARDENS, best triple was Yvonne Williams, Berry Maynard & Rita Barwick 20-12.

Although winning on two rinks in the East of Exe Mixed League against CULM VALE, Honiton lost 72-67 overall, best rink was Jean Mitchell, Ann Hillyear, Ken Clarke & Gerry Stafrace 23-12.

Honiton Ladies won through to the national championships finals at the weekend.

The four of Yvonne Rayner, Janet Sherwood, Carole Binmore & Sue Evans played really well to beat a team from Kings which included the current British Isles Triples champions of Lorraine Hackett, Sophie Tolchard & Natalie Chestney 17-15. The Honiton quartet will now represent Devon in the England finals at Leamington in August.

ILMINSTER
with Des Maull
ILMINSTER hosted the recent Somerset County under 25s match against Cornwall which Somerset won on a very warm afternoon in front of very vocal supporters.

The Somerset team of included seven bowlers from Ilminster.

On Tuesday Ilminster men played at SOMERTON in the Turnbull Cup. On a very wet evening Ilminster were the stronger team winning by 89-31 with Somerton conceding the match after the 15th end. Details: Tony Peterson, Colin White, Will Anderson & Matt Hamilton 21-10; Jonny Kingston, Barry Sims, Kevin Hamilton & Steve Turner 17-10; Steve Peasland, Eric Keitch, Ian Lightfoot & Peter Mattravers 27-8; Levi Hembrow, Dave Crouch, Bev Brister & Chris Robinson



■ COUNTY STARS: The seven Ilminster BC members who played their part in Somerset u25s victory over Cornwall. Line-up, from left back row, Levi Hembrow, Jonny Kingston, Leo Bonning, Abi Bonning and Shannon Crouch. Front row, Ed Bidgood and Oli Collins.

24-3. Ilminster now play Taunton Deane in the next round today (Tuesday).

Last Friday the men were home to STREET in the national double rink with the home team winning on both rinks and by 43 shots to 23. Details: Will Anderson, Jonny Kingston, Ian Lightfoot & Neil Rowe 25-15; Levi Hembrow, Bev Brister, Peter Mattravers & Matt Hamilton 18-8.

The A team were home to CLEVEDON PROM in the County League on Saturday with Ilminster winning 58-50, Ilminster 10 points Clevedon 2. Details: Will Anderson, Tony Peterson, Chris Robinson & Matt Hamilton 18-17; Levi Hembrow, Kevin Hamilton, Bev Brister & Peter Mattravers 22-11; Jonny Kingston, Alan Holt, Ian Lightfoot & Neil Rowe 18-22.

The B team were also home against VICTORIA PARK (Bridgwater) winning 72-34. Ilminster 10 points Victoria 2. Details: Des Maull, Ken Parker, Derek Bassett & Barry Sims 15-19; Steve Peasland, Brian Welch, Dave Crouch & Rod Parkin 26-8; Kevin Crouch, Colin White, Ken Giles & Eric Keitch 31-8.

The C team were away at BRIDGWATER C where they won 60-57. Bridgwater 10 points Ilminster 2. Details: Oli Collins, Eddie Read, Roy Orme & David Pugh 25-16; Colin Osborne, Dave Hall, Tony Bickle & Malcolm Norton 14-20; Eric Turner, Ian Dunford, John Mitchell & Roger Lench 18-24.

The Ladies played a league match against WELLINGTON with Ilminster winning one rink, losing one and winning 41-40 overall. Ilminster 4 points Wellington 2; Monica Woodland 22-23; Maureen Mitchell 19-17.

CHARDSTOCK
with Vaughan Fletcher
Exeter and District Over 60s Triples League - June 26th: Chardstock A away at MARINA B 33-36; V Fletcher, J Rolph & J

Porter 17-14, M Rogers, M Toms & N Denslow 16-22.

Chardstock A at home to EXONIA B 25-36 - June 28th; V Fletcher, J Rolph & J Porter 16-14, P Compton, K Wakelin & M Toms 9-22. Friendly matches;

Chardstock at home to CHARMOUTH (June 27th) 36-46; D Emery, P Baldwin & A Waddington 1-11, A Badley, C Bradford & N Denslow 14-10, E Van der Meulen, P Waddington & V Fletcher 8-25.

Chardstock Ladies away at YEOVIL (June 30th) 34-57; P Waddington, G Campbell & E Rolph 7-24, P Baldwin, R Pratt & A Dredge 17-15, M Davenport, A Sebright & S Jeffrey 10-18.

Chardstock at home to ILMINSTER (July 2nd) 30-70. M Davenport, A Sebright & J Rolph 10-25, D Emery, A Waddington & G Bodily 11-16, P Baldwin, P Waddington & J Pratt 9-29.

MERRIOTT
with Jean Crisp
THERE was another quiet week for Merriott with just mixed league game played recently at home to SHEP-TON MALLETT.

This was played with just a five minute break due to rain. Merriott ran out 93-60 winners gaining them another 14 league points of the available 16.

Rink Scores: R.Self, C.Truscott, I.Kendall & J.Ashby 29-11. D.Baker, A.Truscott, C.Woods & P.White 17-19. J.Parsons, P.Stow, J.Churchman & B.Rosewell 23-16. C.Parsons, N.Whitfield, P.Melton & S.Nuttall 24-14.

CHARD with Peter Avery
HAVING been soundly beaten at SHERBORNE in the Wessex League a couple of weeks ago, Chard produced a much stronger performance to win two of the four triples in the return fixture; Chard's winning triples were Maureen Fenwick, Glenn Berry & Mike Nichols 30-21; Lynn Beale, Peter Avery & Maurice Wakeling 22-17.

Last weekend Chard hosted SEVERALLS JUBILEE in a five triples match. Severalls won 85-79, Chard's winning triples were Phil Stringer, Keith Johnson & Barbara Ball 17-10, Roy Vaux, Pauline Small & Clive Small 23-17.

Lots of people continue to

play short-mat bowls during the summer.

There have been four recent matches; the first was away at COMBE ST NICHOLAS where Chard won one of the three games (Glen Milner, Rosie Barnard & George Milner 13-8) but lost 43-36 overall.

The second game was at LANGPORT & HUISH where there are three mats which allows for six, 12-end games during the evening; Gillian Leighton, Roy Vaux & Norman Sumpter won 11-9 and Beryl Genge, Ron Griffin & Ron Genge drew 9-9 in an overall 66-45 defeat.

The third match was at home to CORFE which Chard 51-23; Ena Stringer, Ron Griffin & Roy Vaux 10-5; Jenny Cornelius, Jean Peacock & Bill Hucker 15-9; Ena Stringer, Vic Barnard & Ron Griffin 10-5; Beryl Genge, Rosie Barnard & Ron Genge 10-6.

Finally, Chard went down 55-42 at CURRY MALLETT winning two of the six games; Glen Milner, Phil Stringer & George Milner 9-8, Jenny Cornelius, Gillian Jeighton & Bill Hucker 14-7.



◆ HONOUR: The weather had Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club on tenterhooks as they prepared for the visit of the Somerset Bowls Association President's team on Wednesday, June 28th. As the weather forecast was not good, it was decided to play only 14 ends. SJBC won the match 65-57. SBA President Ken Leamon presented SJBC President Dave Rees with a SBA plaque to thank the club for hosting the event. Particular thanks were given to Ann Larcombe and the team of members who arranged the event. SJBC will be hosting the SBA President v SBA Patrons match on Monday, July 10th.

netball honiton Leaders moving clear

IT'S now looking like a two team race for the first place in Left Division as both Hi Q and Toucan Chicks continue with 100 per cent records. The Chicks defeated third placed Panthers 49-17 while Hi Q beat Pixies 45-20.

Tornados and SSW had a close game with Signs South West coming through to win 35-30 and go level on points with Otter Valley who moved to fourth thanks to their 48-28 win over Swaggersmamas.

3Ts were the biggest climbers, moving up two places thanks to their 43-25 win over HoneyZ, who remain bottom.

In the Right division only Flamingos maintained their 100 per cent record with a comfortable 60-26 win over JD Tyres. Beer kept up their challenge with a very close 37-35 win against Blackdown. Hot Shots moved back up to third with a 53-42 victory over Cranbrook Arrows.

Otters were the biggest climbers after chalking up their fourth game in beating Howden Hawks 39-20. Finally High Tide went down 54-45 against Sidmouth Toucans.

Players of matches:
Tornados - Danielle Hammond, HoneyZ - Rachel Edwards, Swaggersmamas - Karen Bennett, Pixies - Heather Bevis, Otter Valley - Lizzie Rickets, Tip Top Trees - Lois Norman, Signs SW - Kirsty Davie, F&P Panthers - Anna Benson, Toucans Chicks - Rachel Cavin, Hi Q - Jaz Chester, Otters - Anna Burleigh, High Tide - Imogen Whitehouse, Beer Blazers - Ash Taylor, JD Tyres - Sam Brunskill, Blackdown - Rachel Hopkins, Sidmouth Toucans - Caroline Biggs, Howden Hawks - Rachel Larcombe, Cranbrook Arrows - Sam Jamieson, HNC Hot Shots - Zoe Kidson, Flamingos - Sonia Yorke.

Left Division	Pld	+/Pts
Hi Q	.....6	177 18
Toucan Chicks	.....6	176 18
F & P Panthers	.....6	20 13
Otter Valley	.....5	19 11
Signs SW	.....6	-66 11
Tip Top Trees	.....5	-8 9
Pixies	.....6	-11 9
Tornados	.....5	-20 8
Swaggersmamas	.....7	-155 5
HoneyZ	.....6	-132 4

Right Division	Pld	+/Pts
Flamingos	.....6	149 18
Beer Blazers	.....7	20 17
NC Hot Shots	.....6	65 16
Otters	.....5	8 12
Sidmouth Toucans	.....5	-1 11
JD Tyres	.....6	-37 11
HBlackdown	.....5	-3 8
Cranbrook Arrows	.....6	-66 7
Howden Hawks	.....6	-72 7
High Tide	.....6	-73

tee off golf

Busy time for Axe Cliff lady golfers

HONITON with John Pawley

CLUB President Max Pipe, organised the annual Tuesday Mixed Invitation competition.

In all 36 players took part in this Greensomes competition - with some amazing scores.

Winning the competition, and the Gordon Longhurst Trophy, were Bill Eaton and his guest Di Parson from Downes Crediton with 49 points.

Andy Wall and his guest Jackie Ford (Taunton & Pickeridge) were second with 47 beating his mum Di and her guest Bob Webb (Sidmouth) on count-back.

Sue Williams, a Honiton Country Member, and her husband David Williams (Okehampton) took fourth place with 45.

Jackie Ford also won the 'nearest the pin' competition for the ladies, whilst the men's award was won by Honiton's Stewart Slater. Jackie and Andy were one of only two pairs to achieve a 2 on the 10th the other pair being Cyril Dann and his partner Kim Beauchamp. Each pairing shared 10 balls.

A lot of rain overnight on Tuesday made course conditions slower and allowed many ladies to score well in the annual Bradshaw Bogey. This is matchplay against the course, so shots gained cannot be carried forward to the next hole, neither can those shots lost.

The winner, with +3 was Olwen Eaton ahead of Chris Pearce on count-back. Henrietta Bradshaw was next on level par, again on count-back from Jane Watts with Carol Cole and Penny Blackburn following on -1. The nine-hole Stableford competition was won by Jan Lloyd.

The seniors lost both their matches in past week - at home to Crediton and away at Taunton & Pickeridge.

The competition for Friday was a Bowmaker where teams of three play the course with one scoring on the first six holes, two scoring for the next six and all scoring for the last six.

Top score was 69 from Dave Maggs, Bob Cockett & Kit Barker, ahead of the 68 of Dave Morgan, David Pearson & Nick Mitchell. There were four teams recording 66, so count-back was used to position Stan Squire, Peter Stubbington & John Chew third and Phil Faulkner, Mike Watts & John Frith next.

The 62 members were playing off three quarters of their handicaps, so it was a fair challenge. There were plenty of two's; Derek Herrington, Nick Mitchell, Alex Neil, Bob Cockett, Tom Stanton and Buzz Harris at the 2nd -

David Scott and John Pawley at the 4th and Steve Blundell and Stan Squire at the 12th.

On Sunday the Mixed Greensomes Open was

held with more than 110 golfers taking part in a greensomes competition that also included the Mabs Baker Salver which is presented to the highest placed team in the Open, with a Honiton player included.

Mabs was present to award the trophy to Stephani Barnes and her partner Andy Moray of Long Sutton GC who came fifth overall.

The overall winners of the Open were Denise Wills (Neil (Yelverton) with 43pts, ahead of Dave & Liz Collier (Staddon Heights), on count-back. Yvonne & Brian Medlam (Saunton) were third with 42.

Three teams got a two - all at the second - receiving 21 balls each. Honiton's Ron Graham was nearest the pin on the second.

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson

FORTY members of the seniors section entered a 4BBB competition in benign conditions on Monday.

In an exciting finish, three teams tied for the lead with the result being calculated on the best back nine.

Result: 1st Ray Gudge & Martyn Putland 44 points, 2nd Ted Bryden & Martin Leigh 44, 3rd Brian Hodder & James Siabi 44.

Meanwhile, the Saints' senior match team entertained the Fosse Way. After three games, the scores were level, but three further wins for the home side ensured a 4 1/2 - 1 1/2 victory.

Result: Roger Stone & Mike Aldridge won 5&4, Andy Beale & Mike King lost 4&3, Roger Davis & Alan Davis halved, John Wandless & John McOmish won 5&3, George Wallace & Keith Potter won 4&2, Nobby Hodder & Barrie Singleton won 5&3.

The Seniors held the annual Memorial Bowl trophy on Wednesday in remembrance of the seniors who have passed away.

A total of 63 members formed 21 teams and the competition format was a two from three stableford.

In appalling conditions, the scoring was well below standard.

Result: 1st Keith Branchflower; Chris Gingell & Chris Basterfield 80 points, 2. George Wallace; George Willerton & Bob Hollingsworth 78, 3rd Bob Barrow; John McOmish & Nobby Hodder 77.

On Friday, the Seniors held the final of the Challenge Cup.

The improved weather conditions assisted the 12 golfers to record impressive scores.

Result - Challenge Cup: Winner: Nick Clarke (43), runner up: John Evans (42).

Plate competition: Winner: Alan Davis (39), runner up: Alan Moffatt (36).

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motsom

THE Men's section played their Grainer Prior competition on June 18th in medal format.

The winner was Stuart Mackie with a nett 68 round. In second (on back nine) was Alex Gabb (69) and Bradley Pryce was third (69).

Paul Clode, Simon Vincent and Simon Sweetland all carded 25.

On June 24th Axe Cliff held a Midsummer Madness Competition. The Madness came as in a 5am shotgun start, medal format, Texas Scramble comprising teams of three.

The winners were Johnny Potter, Bradley Pryce & Mitch Hopkins with a nett 56.8. In second were Andrew Hellier, Alan Vincent & Simon Vincent (58.6), Simon Wellington, Jill Wellington & Simon Matthews (59) were third and Tom Spencer, Dave Morgan & Richard Gibbons were fourth (60.2).

The Ladies played three Shelagh Creasey matches last week, starting with a 4-3 win over Stover on Monday at home in extremely warm temperatures.

Then on Wednesday they braved the heat again at Yelverton where they battled valiantly on a tricky course and were defeated 5½-1½.

On Friday the ladies travelled to Staddon Heights where they were beaten 5½ to 1½ again.

A tough week for the valiant team of ladies, some playing in all 3 matches as well as the Mixed Open and also the Midsummer Madness competition during the week.

Consequently they played four matches with only 20 ladies in the whole section.

The Seniors beat the prestigious Royal North Devon club 4-1 in the Second Round of Devon's Premier Seniors' Cup competition.

In this Emerton Court match the Axe Cliff winning pairs were: Stuart Mackie & Alan Morgan; Nick Povey & Peter Hornsby; Rob Grove & Gilbert Cox who are still unbeaten and, the match reserves Dave Bruce & Bill Polley also won their game.

They were ably supported by Tony Strong & Adrian Bishop; Gerry Turner & Chris Walker who halved their games.

Royal North Devon is the oldest links course in England and Axe Cliff will have a difficult return match.

The Seniors continued with their fine form at home against Exminster with a 4-3 win.

The winning pairs were; Mick Tomes & Robbie Robinson with some brilliant putting, Alan Mor-



gan & Leighton Morgan who gelled together well, Nick Povey & Chris Jowett who played an excellent round as did Brian Thompson & Peter Casey who held their nerve and had a great 1up win on the 18th.

On Friday the Seniors held their Charity Bowl competition and in first place was Chris Walker (HC 15) with 38 points.

In second on countback was Alan Morgan (HC 13) with 36 and in third also with 36 points was Dave Sammons (HC27). Tony Strong carded the only two.

skittles axminster summer

RESULTS: Red Lion B 352 (B Styles 67) Red Lion A 347 (M Summers 74); New Inn A 312 (N Cook 57) Con club 307 (E Perry 65); Axe Inn A 317 (A Beer 61) Axe Inn B 331 (Shirley Boyland 72); Lamb A 306 (Jo Flint 61) New Inn B 290 (Jane Bond 58).

League Table	Pld	Pts	Axe Inn B	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	8	14	Red Lion B	8	8
Lamb A	8	12	New Inn B	8	4
New Inn A	8	12	Con Club	8	0
Red Lion A	8	8			

darts axminster

Results (June 27th)

Division One; The Swamp 6-4 Sea Vaults. Division Two; Hales

Division One	Pld	Pts	Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Swamp	5	39	Hales Bar B	4	35
Hales Bar A	4	32	Vault B	4	25
Thorncombe Bees	5	20	Axminster Inn	4	20
Vault A	3	17	Lamb Shanks	4	15
Sea Vaults	4	17	Red Bulls	3	14
The Thorns	5	14	Kings of the Castle	4	12
Con Club	4	11	Red Necks	3	9

cribbage axminster

Results (June 26th)

New Inn Kilminster 1 Ax Cons A 3, Dolphin Beer 1 Lamb Swans 3, Ax Cons B 0 Cloakham Lawns 4.

Beer League: New Inn Kilminster 3 Ax Cons

League Table	Pld	Pts	Tony Rockett Beer Lge	Pld	Pts
Dolphin Beer	8	18	Lamb Swans	8	26
Axminster Con Club A	8	17	Cloakham Lawns	8	26
New Inn Kilminster	8	16	New Inn Kilminster	8	25
Lamb Swans	8	15	Axminster Con Club B	8	24
Axminster Con Club B	8	15	Axminster Con Club A	8	23
Cloakham Lawns	8	15	Dolphin Beer	8	20

Bar B 9-1 Kings of the Castle, Vault B 8-2 Axminster Inn.

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starter's orders running news

Forde Abbey first place for Loveridge

Axe Valley Runners

with Dave Mutter.

LAST week's annual Woodland Relays between various East Devon clubs was a rather soggy affair on Woodbury Common.

AVR's "Very Young Men" Tom and Ben Perry were second in the 3x1K junior race with Tom running twice due to the third team member dropping out at the last minute.

The 3x4K senior race was won by N1 Tri Club (including AVR's Ollie Caute) who recorded the fastest three individual times but "AVR Young Men" Chris Keeffe, Matt Clist & Simon Davis did well to finish third, four minutes behind N1 but just nine seconds behind second-placed Sidmouth RC.

"AVR Middle-Aged Men" Tim Sibley, Chris Perry and Garry Perratt finished three minutes later, fourth overall and first M40 team, and "AVR Old Men" Robert Kerr, David Cooke & Kevin

Feeney 17th and first M60 team.

On a hot and sunny day 12 AVR's went over to Charmouth to the eight-mile fell Charmouth Challenge race up to Golden Cap, or two mile Fun Run.

In the main race there were 337 runners, over 100 more than last year and was won by Ranelagh Harriers' Richard Gregory in 51:38. Tim Lenton was first AVR home 12th in 59:32 followed by Eleanor Wood, 68th in 1:13:10 winning a bottle of local vodka as first vet 60.

Next home was Alan Morbey 1:18:37, 125th; Ian Clements 1:20:14, 140th; David Jefferies 1:25:03, 187th and Ragnhild Richards 1:27:01, 210th. John Larcombe wearing his AVR vest back to front was 234th, 1:30:26; Angela Kerr 237th, 1:30:39 and husband Martin was 303rd in 1:44:21.

In the 144-strong Fun Run, AVR's Chet Gillespie was overall winner in 1:12:33 winning a Challenge

T shirt. Sam Eyre was 10th, 13:22 and Madison Carter was 33rd in 16:35.

Matt Clist was second in the Forde Abbey 10K in 40:51. Other AVR times were: John Blackledge 16th, 45:56; Matt Hewer 20th, 47:10; Eleanor Wood 55th, 52:27; Alan Morbey 64th, 54:50; Richard Jackson 73rd, 55:38; Steven Lewis 96th, 58:28; Andrew Hartnell 107th, 1:00:10; Georgia Dommett 108th, 1:00:17; Canny Hart 115th, 1:01:26; Andrew Sayers 116th, 1:01:30; Paul Tolchard 129th, 1:05:17; David Cooke 132nd, 1:05:32; Mark Spraggs 133rd, 1:05:35; Yvette Hill 151st, 1:07:40; Robert Kerr 158th, 1:08:21; Amy Hillier 161st, 1:08:33; Janet Culum 176th, 1:13:13; Lesley Adams 177th, 1:13:13.

Chard Road Runners

with Paul Masters

CRR's held their own race - The Forde Abbey 10k - an off-road race with plenty of hills and two river crossings which at-

tracted a field of over 200 runners in the full 10k and over 100 runners in the Junior Race Held on Thursday Evening.

Crossing the line first in the 10k was CRR's Wayne Loveridge, followed by Matt Clist from Axe Valley Runners while CRR's Dan Cahill, was third.

Ellie Steer (Taunton Athletics Club) was first woman home, Second was Eleanor Wood (Axe Valley Runners), and third was Lisa Watt (Lyne Regis Gig Club).

The hotly contested Junior Race was won by Rocco Sughayer (East Coker School), Second male was George Chapman (Charmouth School), third was Toby Tutton (Kingsbury Episcopi). Darcey Cockburn (Gold Star Runners) was first female with Ellie White (Ashlands School) second and Kendra Druce third.

Elsewhere, Martin Holley 52nd out of 128 in 2h 41m 45 in the Worthing Triathlon.



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■ **DRIVE:**
George Retter made 10 in North Perrott's defeat.
Photo by ADRIAN HOPPER

Not-so pretty in pink! Two debuts in a week - Abell axed

LEWIS Gregory made history last Monday as the first Somerset Cricket Club player to deliver a pink ball in anger as the revolutionary round of day/night matches got underway at 2pm.

Somerset's opponents were Hampshire at their Rose Bowl home in Southampton with the Cidemen looking to chalk up their first County Championship win of the 2017 season.

Play got underway at 2pm with the hosts winning the toss and opting to bat first. Openers Liam Sawson and Jimmy Adams appeared to have few problems with the pink ball that gave little assistance early on to the Somerset seamers reaching 74 without loss at the first interval.

The second session saw the Cidemen force their way into the match with Craig Overton, clearly looking to impress after his disappointment at being overlooked for the England T20 team, making the



break-through having Adams snapped up by James Hildreth for 47. Rilee Rossouw followed soon after, also to

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Overton, and when Adams was trapped in front by Gregory for a top score 53 the hosts had crawled along to 112 for 3 in the 47th over.

And the wickets continued to fall as the Hants slumped to 199 for 9 before the last pair edged them to a batting point and skipper George Bailey declared at 211 for 9 to have a potentially tricky six overs at Ed Byrom, making his first class debut, and the slightly more experienced Marcus Trescothick in his 367th match!

The pair navigated through to stumps at 18 for 0, but it was the Trescothick who fell first when he chopped a ball from Gareth Berg into his stumps with the score on 25.

Byrom was 13 not out and new batsman Adam Hose was 9 when play was halted for the day with just 13 overs bowled.

Day three dawned in similar fashion and the action didn't get underway until 5.20pm. Byrom (43) and Hose (48) added 77 before the introduction of USA-born Aussie all rounder Ian Holland, coupled with the switching on of the floodlights, sparked a collapse that saw seven wickets tumble for just 33 runs.

Tom Abell was one of those to fall for his fourth duck of the season. At this stage the Cidemen's new skipper has scored just 171 championship runs at an average of just 15 as play was once again curtailed by rain with Somerset 135 for 8.

The final day began with the final two wickets being knocked over with the addition of nine runs as Somerset were

dismissed for 147.

Hampshire didn't appear too interested in setting Somerset a target to chase. They moved along slowly to 24 before Adams was run out for 9 and Dawson was clean bowled by Tim Groenewald as the score reached 50 for 2 at the first interval.

But things then accelerated and Hampshire declared on 95 for 5 to leave Somerset a target of 131 to win in 31 overs.

The early wickets of Trescothick and Hose put the Cidemen immediately on the back foot as the pink ball swung and seamed around.

But Steve Davies, promoted up the order to open, struck 47 from 40 to keep his side's hopes alive.

Davies' dismissal saw Somerset slump to 79 for 6 with under pressure skipper Tom Abell falling to an injudicious reverse sweep for his second duck of the match and forced to settle for the draw with Tim Groenewald and Gregory blocking out nearly eight overs before both fell to set up a nerve jangling finale.

Josh Davey and Overton saw them to safety at 88 for 8 but with still winless with the threat of relegation looming large. **Scores: Hampshire 211 & 96 for 5 (9pts) Somerset 147 and 88 for 8 (8pts).**

After his pair, Abell was dropped from the game at Yorkshire which started yesterday. Lewis Gregory led the side with Tim Rouse making his debut in place of Abell.

Somerset had reached 71 for 4 at lunch on day one with Rouse out for a single and James Hildreth, still looking to pass 50 in his benefit year, for a rapid 32.

Somerset's **Dean Elgar** is to skipper South Africa in the first test against England at Lords on Thursday.



SOMERSET
COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

County	Ch	D1	Pld	Pts	Nat West	T20	Pld	Pts
Essex8	138		Essex	.....	.0	0
Lancashire8	109		Glamorgan	...	.0	0
Hampshire8	96		Hampshire	...	.0	0
Yorkshire8	96		Kent	.....	.0	0
Surrey7	84		Middlesex	.....	.0	0
Middlesex7	72		SOMERSET	...	.0	0
SOMERSET7	43		Surrey	.....	.0	0
Warwickshire7	41		Sussex	.....	.0	0
(* match in progress)								

Batting (4 day)	Inns	Tot	Ave	HS
D.Elgar	12	517	47.0	158
M.Trescothick	15	332	23.7	106
J.Hildreth	14	294	21.0	137

Bowling (4 day - min 5w) Pld	Wkts	Econ	BB
J.Leach .....7	20	2.68	6-78
D.Bess .....3	17	3.56	7-117
L.Gregory .....6	16	2.68	5-47

Batting (50ov RL Cup)	Pld	Tot	Ave	HS
D.Elgar	6	519	103.8	131*
J.Allenby	8	377	53.8	144*
A.Hose	7	330	55.0	101*

Bowling (50ov RL Cup)	Pld	Wkts	Econ	BB
C.Overton	8	16	6.11	3-21
R.van der Merwe	8	11	6.01	3-21
J.Overton	4	9	7.29	4-64

Upcoming fixtures

Sunday, July 9th - A v Surrey (NatWest T20)
Tues, July 11th v Dorset (T20 F at North Perrott 5.30pm)
Thursday, July 13th A v Essex (NatWest T20)
Saturday, July 15th A v Glamorgan (NatWest T20)
Sunday, July 16th A v Middlesex (NatWest T20)
Friday, July 21st H v Gloucestershire (NatWest T20)
Sunday, July 23rd H v Middlesex (NatWest T20)

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